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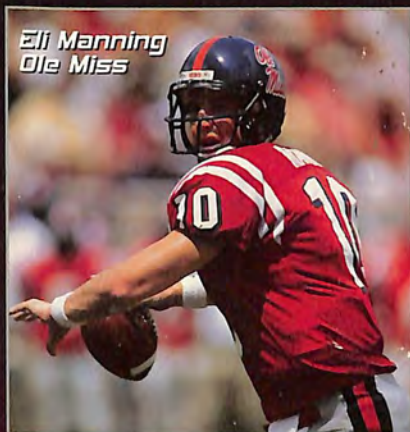
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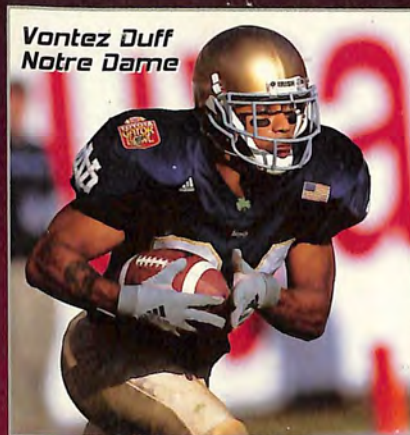
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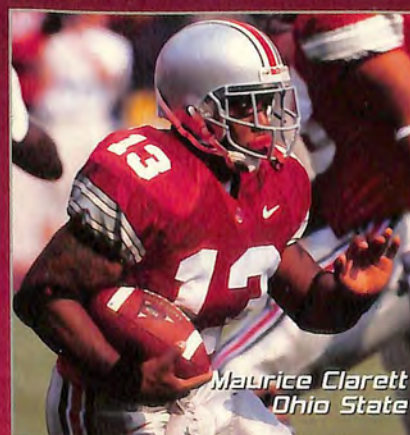
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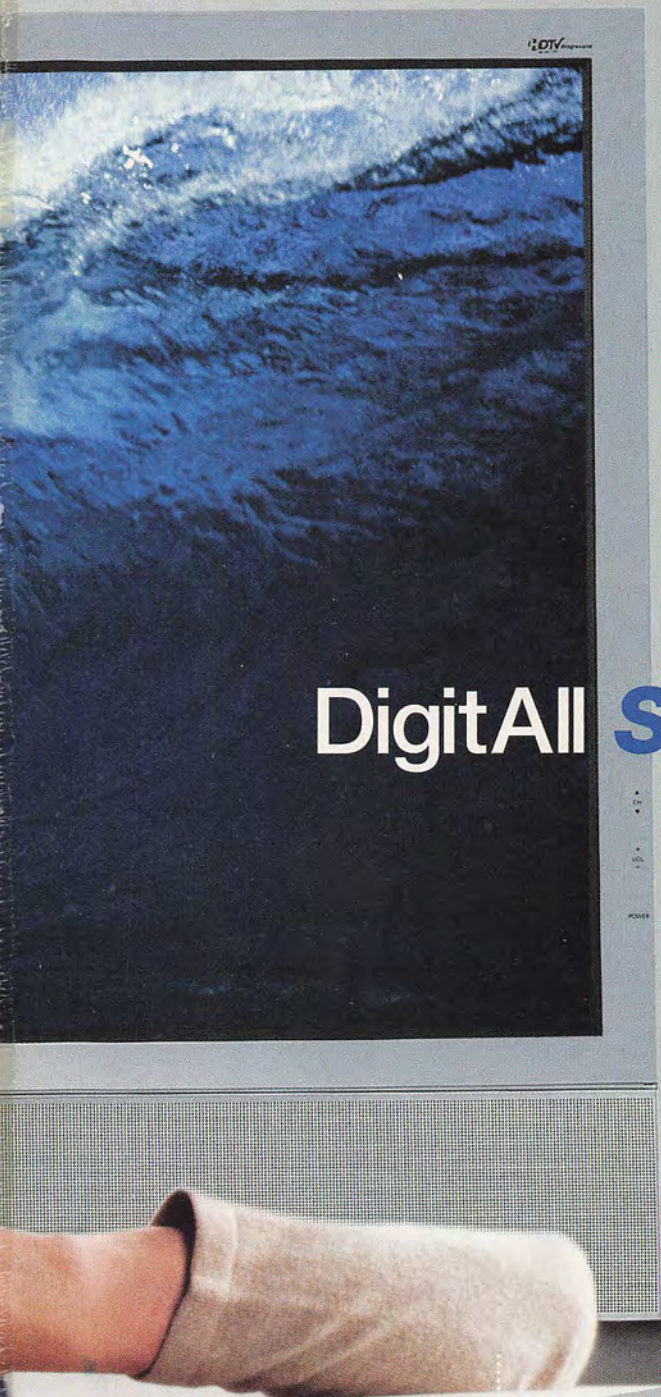
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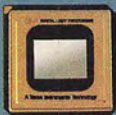
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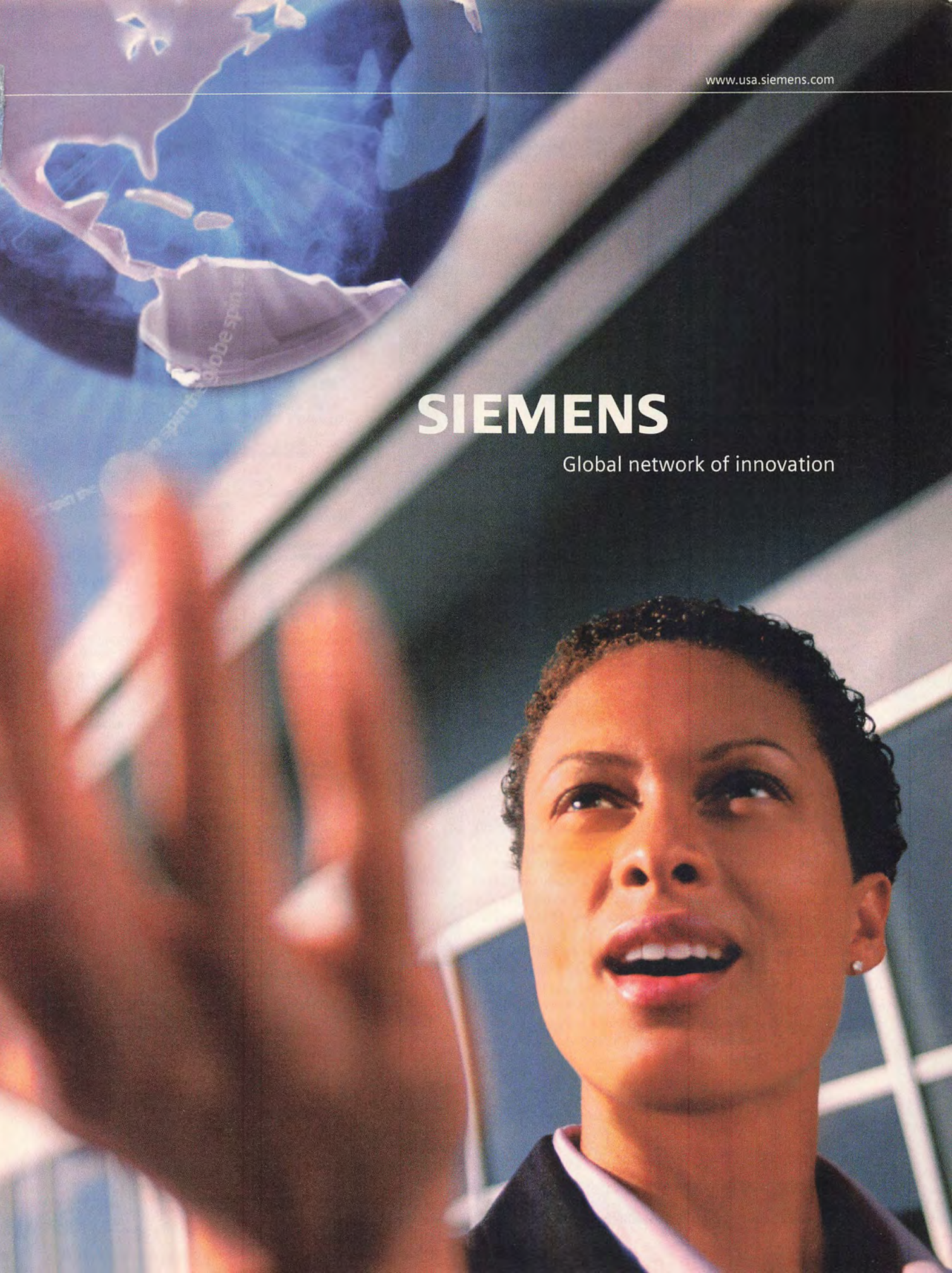
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Editor's Letter

Last fall, we invited some avid college football fans into our office for a focus group. We wanted to find out what the 'man on the street' liked and disliked about our magazines.

One thing stood out from this meeting: There seems to be a lack of understanding about our National edition. In fact, one member of our focus group didn't even know we published a National magazine, and he has been an Athlon reader for years.

For a little background information, Athlon began publishing a National edition in 1995 to serve as a complement to our seven Regional magazines. Each Regional edition provides extensive coverage of the teams in that specific region/conference. The National magazine, on the other hand, covers all 117 Division I-A teams, but in a more concise manner. We devote one page to each school, starting from the No. 1 team in the nation down to team No. 117.

After listening to what our readers had to say, we decided to make some major changes to the National edition. Our top priority was to improve the readability of our team pages. We did this by breaking up each story into four categories: offense, defense, specialists and final analysis. This provides a succinct breakdown of the major components of each team.

Next we wanted to add more information to each page. In the past, every team page included a story, a depth chart and one photo. Our readers asked for more. So this year, we've added returning leaders in six categories, team stats (with national rankings), results from 2002, and the 2003 schedule with a projected outcome of each game.

We have also given the covers of our National magazine a facelift. They now have a new look, and our readers should have no trouble differentiating between our Regional and National editions.

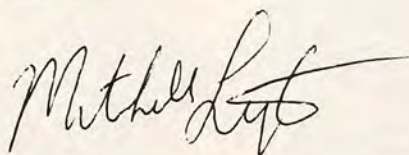
We hope you enjoy our 'new and improved' National College Football magazine. Let us know if you have any ideas you would like incorporated into our future editions. Email us at editor@athlonsports.com.

The team pages were the focus of our magazine makeover, but there is more to our National edition than the 117 team previews. We have some of our usual favorites — recruiting rankings, All-America teams, national unit rankings and sidelines — and a few features we think you will enjoy.

On page 26, we take a look at the 17 Division I-A head coaches with new jobs this season and offer our opinion on whether or not each coach is a good fit at his new school. (And for the record, we weren't too high on the Mike Price hire, and that was before he was dismissed in early May. We called him "a curious hire at Alabama...it just seems there were other viable candidates who would have been a better fit at one of the most high-profile jobs in college football.")

In addition, we also take a humorous look inside the world of a ball boy. Have you ever wondered why a young kid wearing enemy colors is stationed on the opposing team's sideline, often standing within a few yards of the head coach? Check out Andrew Maraniss' story on page 31.

We hope you enjoy the 2003 college football season. If our predictions are correct, Oklahoma and Miami will end the year in New Orleans playing for the national title.



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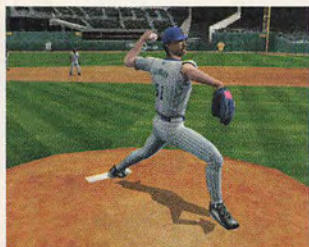
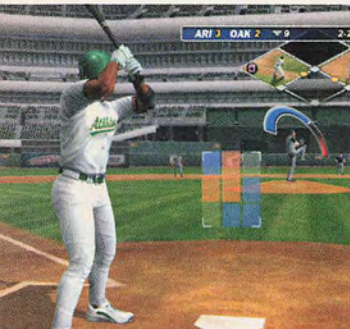


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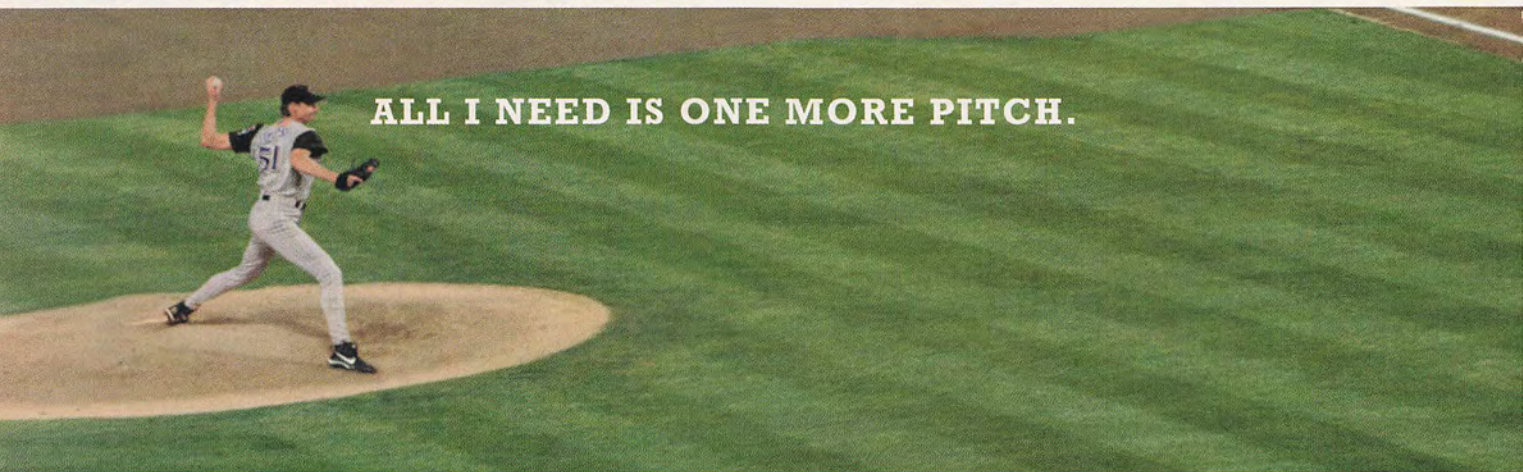
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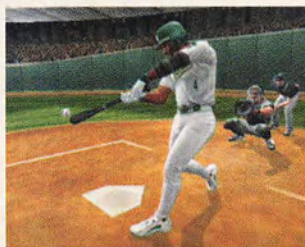
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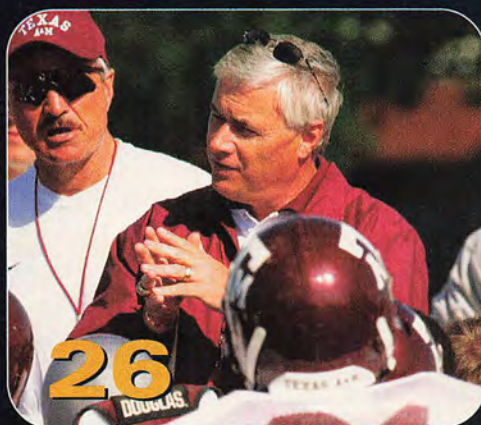
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by Mitchell Light

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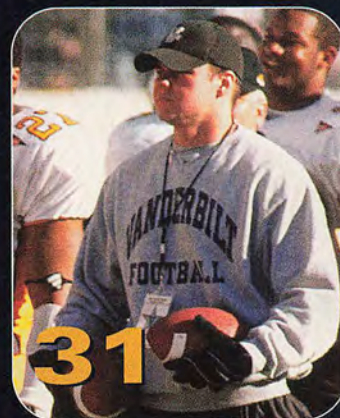
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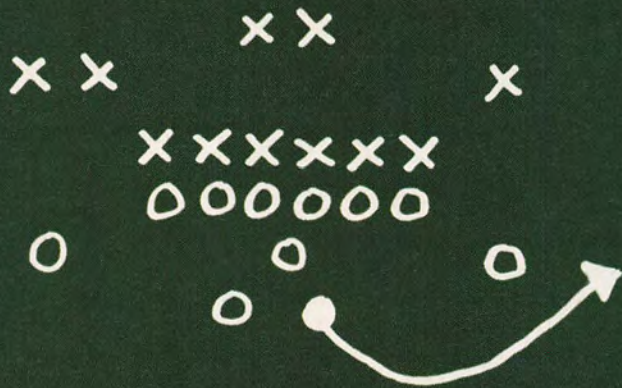
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The 3rd Annual Athlon Awards

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Athlon honors the best of these units in 2003 with the third annual Athlon Awards.

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1. GEORGIA
2. WASHINGTON
3. VIRGINIA
4. OHIO STATE
5. NC STATE
6. MISSOURI
7. PITTSBURGH
8. KANSAS STATE
9. COLORADO STATE
10. VIRGINIA TECH



Ric Fogel

TOP RB UNITS

1. AUBURN
2. MINNESOTA
3. TENNESSEE
4. OREGON STATE
5. KANSAS STATE
6. WISCONSIN
7. OHIO STATE
8. SYRACUSE
9. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
10. VIRGINIA



Steve Woltmann

TOP WR/TE UNITS

1. WISCONSIN
2. USC
3. TEXAS
4. CLEMSON
5. FRESNO STATE
6. MARSHALL
7. WASHINGTON
8. LSU
9. FLORIDA
10. MIAMI



Brian Ebner

TOP OL UNITS

1. OKLAHOMA
2. USC
3. MICHIGAN
4. NC STATE
5. MIAMI
6. MISSOURI
7. ARKANSAS
8. OHIO STATE
9. PITTSBURGH
10. NEW MEXICO



Layne Murdoch

TOP DL UNITS

1. OHIO STATE
2. OKLAHOMA
3. TEXAS
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5. NOTRE DAME
6. AUBURN
7. VIRGINIA
8. GEORGIA
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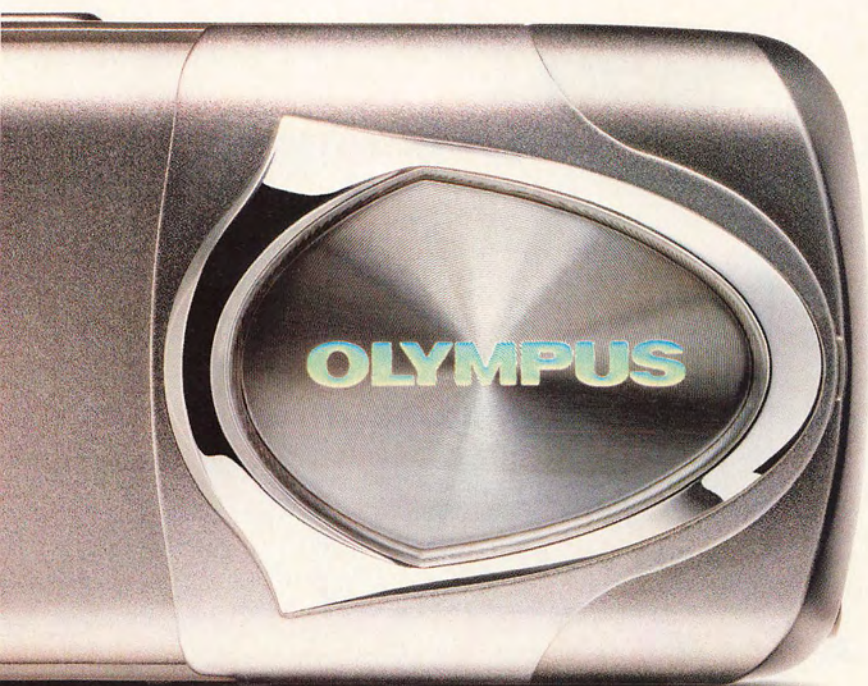
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3. AUBURN
4. NOTRE DAME
5. USC
6. PURDUE
7. FLORIDA STATE
8. SOUTHERN MISS
9. TEXAS
10. ARKANSAS

TOP DB UNITS

1. MIAMI
2. OKLAHOMA
3. MARYLAND
4. FLORIDA STATE
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1. GEORGIA

The Georgia Bulldogs can count two of the best quarterbacks in the country — David Greene and D.J. Shockley — as their own. Greene, the 2002 first-team All-SEC quarterback, has thrown for 5,713 yards and 39 touchdowns in his first two years as a starter. Last year, he was 218-of-379 (.575) for 2,924 yards and 22 touchdowns with eight interceptions. Shockley was one of the nation's most celebrated recruits in 2001 and redshirted as a freshman. Last year he appeared in 10 games and completed 32-of-52 passes for 415 yards and five touchdowns.

2. WASHINGTON

Washington's Cody Pickett is the trigger man in arguably the most potent passing attack the Pac-10 has ever seen. Pickett completed 59.6 percent of his 612 pass attempts for 4,458 yards and 28 touchdowns last fall. He broke the league record for single-season completions with 365, threw for 300 or more yards in 10 of 13 games and had three 400-yard passing games. Backing up Pickett will be sophomore Casey Paus, a 6'5" dropback passer and brother of former UCLA quarterback Cory Paus, and Isaiah Stanback, who brings a running threat to the position.

3. VIRGINIA

Matt Schaub exploded onto the scene in 2002. He finished the season on top of the ACC and ranked sixth nationally in passing efficiency. He led the conference in completion percentage (.689), completions (288) and touchdown passes (28) and was named the league's Player of the Year. His 4-to-1 touchdown-to-interception ratio ranked fourth nationally. Marques Hagans opened last season as co-No. 1 quarterback and started Game 2 before giving way to Schaub. A 56-percent passer, Hagans threw a touchdown pass on a halfback option in the Cavs' 48-22 Continental Tire Bowl win over West Virginia.

4. OHIO STATE

Craig Krenzel is the second coming of Ken Dorsey — all he does is win. In 2002, Krenzel completed 59.4 percent of his passes (148-of-249) for 2,110 yards and 12 touchdowns with seven interceptions. He made second-team All-Big Ten and led Ohio State to the national championship. Maturity is a valuable commodity in a quarterback, and Buckeye QBs are swimming in it. Both Krenzel and his backup, Scott McMullen, are fifth-year seniors. In '02, McMullen completed 25-of-31 attempts with two touchdowns and zero interceptions. Redshirt freshman Justin Zwick, a former prep All-American, is being brought along patiently.

5. NC STATE

Philip Rivers enters his fourth year as NC State's starting quarterback ranked second in school history and sixth in Atlantic Coast Conference history in career passing yards with 8,993. He is the school record holder and third in league annals with 61 career touchdown passes. In 2002, he set a school record for rushing TDs by a quarterback with 10. He seized 2003 Gator Bowl MVP honors with a 23-of-37, 228-yard, two-touchdown performance in the Wolfpack's 28-6 trouncing of Notre Dame. Sophomore Jay Davis played in five games last year and was 9-of-19.



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6. MISSOURI

Quarterback Brad Smith should keep Missouri in the upper echelon of the Big 12 North standings for the next two or three years. Last season, Smith joined former Clemson Tiger Woodrow Dantzler as the only players ever to pass for 2,000 yards and run for 1,000 yards in the same season — and Smith had never taken a snap in a college game before last year. He completed 53.6 percent of his passes for 2,333 yards, 15 touchdowns and six interceptions and also led the team in rushing with 1,029 yards at 5.3 per carry with seven more TDs.

7. PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh quarterback Rod Rutherford landed on the All-Big East second team in his first year as a starter. The hometown product completed 192-of-367 passes for 2,783 yards and 22 touchdowns last fall. He also netted 398 rushing yards with six more scores. His 3,181 yards of total offense is a new school single-season record and ranks third in Big East history. Sophomore Tyler Palko, one of the most sought-after recruits in the nation a year ago, played in six games off the bench last season.

8. KANSAS STATE

One of two Heisman Trophy candidates on the Kansas State team (the other being running back Darren Sproles), quarterback Ell Roberson gives opposing defenses fits with his ability to burn them either over land or through the air. Last season, Roberson threw for 1,580 yards and seven touchdowns, and ran for 1,032 yards and 16 touchdowns, averaging better than five yards per carry. He put on a one-man spectacular in the Nebraska game, running for 228 yards, including a 91-yard touchdown run, as the Wildcats hammered the Huskers 49-13. Marc Dunn has graduated, leaving backup duties to last year's No. 3 QB, Jeff Schwinn.

9. COLORADO STATE

In 2002, Colorado State quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt piloted his team to a 10-4 record and the Mountain West Conference title. He threw for 2,073 yards and 10 touchdowns. He set a school record for most yards rushing in a season by a quarterback with 819, averaging 5.5 per carry and running for 11 scores. He has started the last 23 games for the Rams and was the 2002 MWC Offensive Player of the Year. Sophomore Justin Holland, Colorado's all-time high school passing leader, threw for 480 yards and four touchdowns as Van Pelt's backup last season.

10. VIRGINIA TECH

Marcus Vick, of the Virginia Tech quarterback Vicks, will be backing up returning starter Bryan Randall, who, when last we saw him, was picking up an Offensive MVP trophy for his performance in the Hokies' 20-13 win over Air Force in the 2002 San Francisco Bowl. For the season, Randall completed 63.7 percent of his pass attempts for 2,134 yards and 12 touchdowns and finished 10th nationally in passing efficiency. He also ran for 507 yards and three touchdowns. Vick, a redshirt freshman, is considered more of a pure passer than his brother, Michael, and not quite as athletic. But then, who is.



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TOP RB UNITS

1. AUBURN

Two years ago, Carnell "Cadillac" Williams started two games at tailback for Auburn and led the team in rushing with 614 yards and six touchdowns on his way to Freshman All-America honors. He started the first seven games last season and motored for 745 yards and 10 scores before he was lost for the season with a broken leg. Calling Ronnie Brown. Williams' faithful backup took over for the final six games and finished the season with 1,008 rushing yards, a 5.8-yard average and 13 touchdowns. Tre Smith netted 454 yards on the year at 5.7 per carry. Williams, Brown and Smith all return for 2003, joined by the nation's No. 1-rated junior college transfer in Brandon Jacobs, a 6'4", 257-pounder with reputed 4.35 speed.

2. MINNESOTA

If Auburn has an equal in the running back department this season, it's probably Minnesota. Terry Jackson II darted and sped for 1,317 yards and six touchdowns last season, averaging 5.5 per carry, becoming the first back in school history to surpass 200 rushing yards in back-to-back games. Jackson was summoned to action because of an injury to Marion Barber III, who, as a true freshman in 2001, rushed for 742 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 6.3 per carry. Barber was redshirted with a hamstring injury after seeing action in two games in 2002. Jackson and Barber both return in '03, along with fullback Thomas Tapeh, a 230-pound bruiser who ran for 906 yards and eight TDs last year.

3. TENNESSEE

When it comes to quality depth at the running back position, Tennessee takes a back seat to no one. The 2003 Vols will have the ability to wear down any defense by pounding three bruising, fast tailbacks between the tackles all day. Cedric Houston spearheaded the Big Orange ground attack in 2002 with 779 yards and six touchdowns despite missing some time with an injury. Jabari Davis, who has bounced between tailback and fullback the last two years, started five games last season and rumbled for 569 yards and a team-high 10 touchdowns. Gerald Riggs, one of the nation's most decorated high school running backs in 2001, contributed 17 carries and two catches as a freshman.

4. OREGON STATE

Steven Jackson enters the 2003 season as perhaps the premier running back in the nation. He was first-team All-Pac-10 in 2002 after leading the conference in rushing with 1,690 yards — the sixth-highest total in Pac-10 history and the highest of any non-USC tailback — and 15 touchdowns. The junior from Las Vegas rushed for over 100 yards in nine games and over 200 yards in three. His rushing yardage and his 1,855 all-purpose yards are both single-season school records. The Beavers' second-leading rusher, Dwight Wright, also returns after rushing for 383 yards and four TDs in '02.

5. KANSAS STATE

Kansas State's running game boasts a pair of 1,000-yard rushers, and since they comprise a quarterback-tailback duo, opponents must face both of them on the field at the same time. Quarterback Eli Roberson



WILLIAMS



BROWN

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HOUSTON

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burned opponents for 1,032 yards on the ground last season, but the Wildcats' leading rusher was tailback Darren Sproles, who returns for 2003 after dashing through defenders for 1,465 yards and 17 touchdowns in '02. Sproles averaged 6.2 yards per carry and broke eight school records during the course of the season.

6. WISCONSIN

Over the last two seasons, no player in college football has run for more yards than Wisconsin tailback Anthony Davis. His 1,466 yards in 2001 and 1,555 yards in '02 give him 3,021 in his two-year career. He averages a steady 5.1 yards per carry and has scored 24 touchdowns on the ground. Davis joins 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne as the only Wisconsin backs to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of their first two seasons. Dwayne Smith returns as Davis' backup after rambling for 552 yards and six touchdowns as a true freshman last year.

7. OHIO STATE

Buckeye tailback Maurice Claret burst on the scene last Aug. 24 with a 175-yard, three-touchdown rushing day against Texas Tech in his collegiate debut. He set a new Ohio State freshman rushing record with 1,237 yards, despite missing three games and being slowed in several others with an assortment of injuries. Claret's backups — Lydell Ross and Maurice Hall — also return for 2003 and would be starters for most other teams. Ross started the three games Claret missed and ran for 619 yards and six TDs on the season.

8. SYRACUSE

Few teams can claim as potent a one-two tailback punch as Syracuse. After a quiet redshirt freshman year in 2001, Walter Reyes turned heads in '02 with a 1,135-yard campaign, averaging 6.2 yards per carry and scoring a school-record 17 rushing touchdowns. He had a 79-yard touchdown run in the Rutgers game. Damien Rhodes wasted no time making his presence felt as a true freshman last year, rushing for 568 yards and seven touchdowns. Redshirt freshman Tim Washington, a 2001 high school All-American and Connecticut Player of the Year, is a name to listen for.

9. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois' Michael "The Burner" Turner is the nation's top returning rusher, ranking No. 2 nationally last year behind Penn State's Larry Johnson. Turner burned Huskie foes for a MAC single-season record 1,915 yards at 5.7 per carry, with 19 touchdowns. He was the only Division I-A player with five games of 200 or more rushing yards and he ran for five touchdowns in a single game on two separate occasions.

10. VIRGINIA

The Cavaliers' Wali Lundy ran for 826 yards last year as a true freshman. He caught 58 passes and was the only player to finish in the top 10 in both categories on the ACC charts. He ran for two touchdowns and caught two touchdown passes in UVa's 48-22 Continental Tire Bowl rout of West Virginia. Alvin Pearman ran for 343 yards and caught 21 passes before missing the last five games of last season with a knee injury.



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TOP WR/TE UNITS

1. WISCONSIN

The Badgers are blessed with an embarrassment of riches in the receiving department. Last season, Brandon Williams set a school freshman record with 52 catches, averaging 12.8 yards with three touchdowns. Jonathan Orr averaged 17.9 yards on 47 catches, scoring eight times. Darrin Charles put a stamp on his 25-reception season with five catches in Wisconsin's Alamo Bowl victory over Colorado. All three are back, along with Lee Evans, who returns for his fifth year after sitting out 2002 to rehab a knee. In 2001, Evans amassed a school-record 75 receptions for a Big Ten-record 1,545 yards. Bob Docherty started the first six games of last season at tight end. Tony Paciotti started the last seven while Docherty was slowed by an injury.

2. USC

In Mike Williams and Keary Colbert, the Trojans welcome back a combined 152 catches for 2,294 yards and 19 touchdowns from 2002. Williams averaged 15.6 yards on 81 catches with 14 touchdowns as a true freshman last season. Colbert registered a 14.5-yard average on 71 grabs. Sophomore speedster Justin Wyatt, who is officially listed on the roster as a cornerback, was tried at wide receiver during the spring and he looks like a keeper. Two of the nation's most coveted 2003 wide receiver recruits, Steve Smith and Whitney Lewis, picked USC. And Alex Holmes is back for his senior season at tight end after a 29-catch, two-touchdown 2002.

3. TEXAS

The Longhorns are getting to be a fixture in the top receivers category. Wideouts Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas, and tight ends Brock Edwards and Bo Scaife all will be seniors in 2003. A former Big 12 Freshman of the Year and returning two-time first-team All-Big 12 pick, Williams has compiled 171 career receptions for 2,787 yards and 27 touchdowns. Johnson, with a 15.2-yard average and 12 scores on 122 career receptions, keeps opposing defenses from showering too much attention on Williams.

4. CLEMSON

Tommy Bowden's Tigers have two 50-catch receivers returning for the first time in school history. Kevin Youngblood leads the way after nabbing a team-high 59 catches last season. Youngblood was the team MVP in the 2002 Tangerine Bowl, collecting seven catches for 134 yards. Derrick Hamilton also returns after a 52-catch 2002 season. Hamilton put together four games of at least 200 all-purpose yards last fall, and in the Georgia Tech game he had a 77-yard run and a 79-yard punt return. Airese Currie averaged 17.6 yards on 16 catches, one of which was an 83-yarder from Charlie Whitehurst against North Carolina that ranks as the third-longest play in Clemson history and the longest pass play ever at Kenan Stadium.

5. FRESNO STATE

Fresno State coach Pat Hill welcomes back his top five receivers from last year, plus Bernard Berrian, an All-American two years ago who returns after missing almost the entire 2002 season with an injury. In



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2001, Berrian caught 85 passes for 1,364 yards and 13 touchdowns and led the nation with 2,776 all-purpose yards. Marque Davis assumed Berrian's role as the go-to receiver last fall and hauled in 64 passes for 956 yards and seven touchdowns, all team highs.

6. MARSHALL

Leading receiver Denero Marriott is gone, but the parade of 1,000-yard receivers continues with Josh Davis and Darius Watts. Davis caught 75 balls last year for 1,191 yards (15.9 per catch) and five touchdowns. Watts registered 71 catches for 1,030 yards (14.5 average) and 12 touchdowns. Watts already holds the Mid-American Conference record for career touchdown catches with 36 to date and another year to play. Tight end Jason Rader joined the party last year after transferring from Georgia and chipped in with 30 catches for 320 yards and two TDs.

7. WASHINGTON

Washington wideout Reggie Williams was first-team All-America last year as a sophomore. Williams has already caught more passes for more yards than any other pass catcher in Husky history. In 2002, he caught 94 passes for 1,454 yards, averaging 15.5 per catch, with 11 touchdowns. Charles Frederick, who lines up on the other end of the formation from Williams, is a dangerous receiver in his own right, with a 14.5-yard average and a pair of TDs on 45 catches last fall.

8. LSU

Michael Clayton is one of the most dangerous weapons in the SEC and returns after recording 104 catches for 1,503 yards and 11 touchdowns in his first two years. Last season, he caught 57 passes, including five for scores. Devery Henderson, of Bluegrass Miracle fame, averaged 19.4 yards on 23 catches and scored eight touchdowns last season. Skyler Green showed a glimpse of his future as a true freshman last year in a crowded wideout picture, taking a screen pass 67 yards for a touchdown against Arkansas. High school All-Americans Craig Davis and Amp Hill join the fray this fall.

9. FLORIDA

Taylor Jacobs, the SEC's leading receiver last year, and tight end Aaron Walker are gone, but the Gators are well stocked with pass catchers. Carlos Perez is back after catching 58 passes, four for touchdowns, last season. Returnees Kelvin Knight and O.J. Small combined for 55 catches, and tight end Ben Troupe hauled in 15 aerials for a 13.3-yard average. Superathlete Keiwan Ratliff will see wide receiver action as a loaner from the defense.

10. MIAMI

Just because Andre Johnson split for the pros, don't think the Hurricanes are hurting for receivers. Tight end Kellen Winslow led the Canes in receiving last year with 57 catches for 726 yards and eight touchdowns. Kevin Beard, Roscoe Parrish, Jason Geathers, Akieem Jolla, Sinorice Moss, Ryan Moore, incoming freshman Devin Hester — all are wide receivers who possess lethal potential.



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TOP OL UNITS

1. OKLAHOMA

Nobody runs for more than 1,800 yards in a season, like Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin did in 2002, without holes being blown open for him on a regular basis. Three full-time starters return to what Sooner head man Bob Stoops believes to be the best offensive line he's ever had. Tackle Jammal Brown was first-team All-Big 12 last year as a sophomore. Wes Sims was a first-team Freshman All-American in 2001 and enters his third year as a starter at left tackle. New guards Davin Joseph and Kelvin Chaisson both have been starters. Vince Carter has been the starting center since early in his true freshman season of 2001.

2. USC

The Trojans welcome back five starters on their offensive line. Jacob Rogers and Winston Justice comprise arguably the best tackle tandem in the country. In 2002, Rogers was first-team All-Pac-10 and Justice was a Freshman All-American. Senior Lenny Vandermade has been a starter in the USC offensive line since he stepped onto campus — at center in 2000 and '01 and at guard last year. Norm Katnik is a two-year starter; in 2001 he started 10 games, including at least one game at guard, tackle and center, and now he enters his second season as the full-time center. Eric Torres drew starting assignments in seven games last fall, including at least one at every position but center, after starting 12 games at right tackle in '01.

3. MICHIGAN

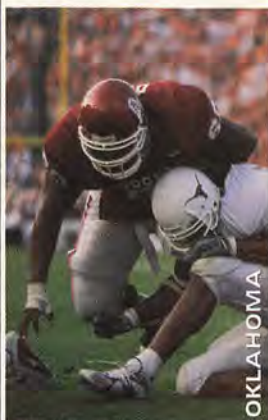
A pair of All-Big Ten performers — tackle Tony Pape and guard David Baas — return to O-Line duty in Ann Arbor. Pape, a fifth-year senior entering his third year as a starter, won the Hugh H. Rader Award as Michigan's top offensive lineman in 2002. Fifth-year senior Dave Pearson, like Pape and Baas, started all 13 games last season. Pearson switched from defensive line to center last spring and enters 2003 on the Rimington Award watch list. Yet another fifth-year man, Courtney Morgan, can play any of the five OL positions and drew 10 starts last fall. Adam Stenavich, a 2002 Freshman All-American, started three games last season.

4. NC STATE

Chris Colmer, an All-America candidate as the Wolfpack's left tackle, notched 151 knockdown blocks last year. Sean Locklear switched from defense to offense last spring and returns at one guard spot. Colmer and Locklear shared a team high with 902 snaps each last year. Another converted defensive tackle, Ricky Fowler, is the leading candidate to join Locklear at guard. Jed Paulsen, an 11-game starter who missed three contests with a knee injury, and Brandon Sanders, who started the games Paulsen missed, both return at center. The addition of 6'6", 358-pound freshman Derek Morris, who originally signed with Ohio State in 2002, was a major coup.

5. MIAMI

Based on the reputation the Miami offensive line has earned for keeping quarterbacks' jerseys clean over the years, it doesn't pay to dwell on its graduation losses. Sherko Haji-Rasouli and Brett Romberg are gone,



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but so what? Second-team All-Big East tackle Carlos Joseph, at 6'6", 334, will be back for his senior year. The other tackle, 6'5", 350-pound Vernon Carey, led the team with 42 pancake blocks, and he's back too. Joseph, Carey and guard Chris Myers are returning starters, and junior Joel Rodriguez has seen extensive playing time at center. Eric Winston entered Miami last year as a heralded tight end recruit and at 6'7", 290 is now an intriguing tackle prospect.

6. MISSOURI

The offensive line that paved the way for the third-most prolific offense in Missouri history returns en masse. Tackle Rob Droege, first-team All-Big 12 last season, anchors the unit. The tackle tandem of Droege and Scott Paffrath should be one of the best in the country. Tony Palmer started nine games at guard and was named Mizou's Interior Lineman of the Year as a redshirt freshman last fall. A.J. Ricker, a second-team All-Big 12 selection, will be in his fourth year as the Tigers' starting center.

7. ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks led the SEC in rushing last season with an average of 218.9 yards per game, and four O-Line starters who cleared the way return to action in 2003. Shawn Andrews, a 6'5", 371-pound tackle, is the best offensive lineman in the country. He was a consensus All-American as a sophomore last year and also captured the 2002 Jacobs Award as the best blocker in the SEC. Bo Lacy started all 14 games last season, recording more than 50 knockdowns, and returns at the other tackle. Guard Mark Bokermann and center Dan Doughty also return to the starting lineup.

8. OHIO STATE

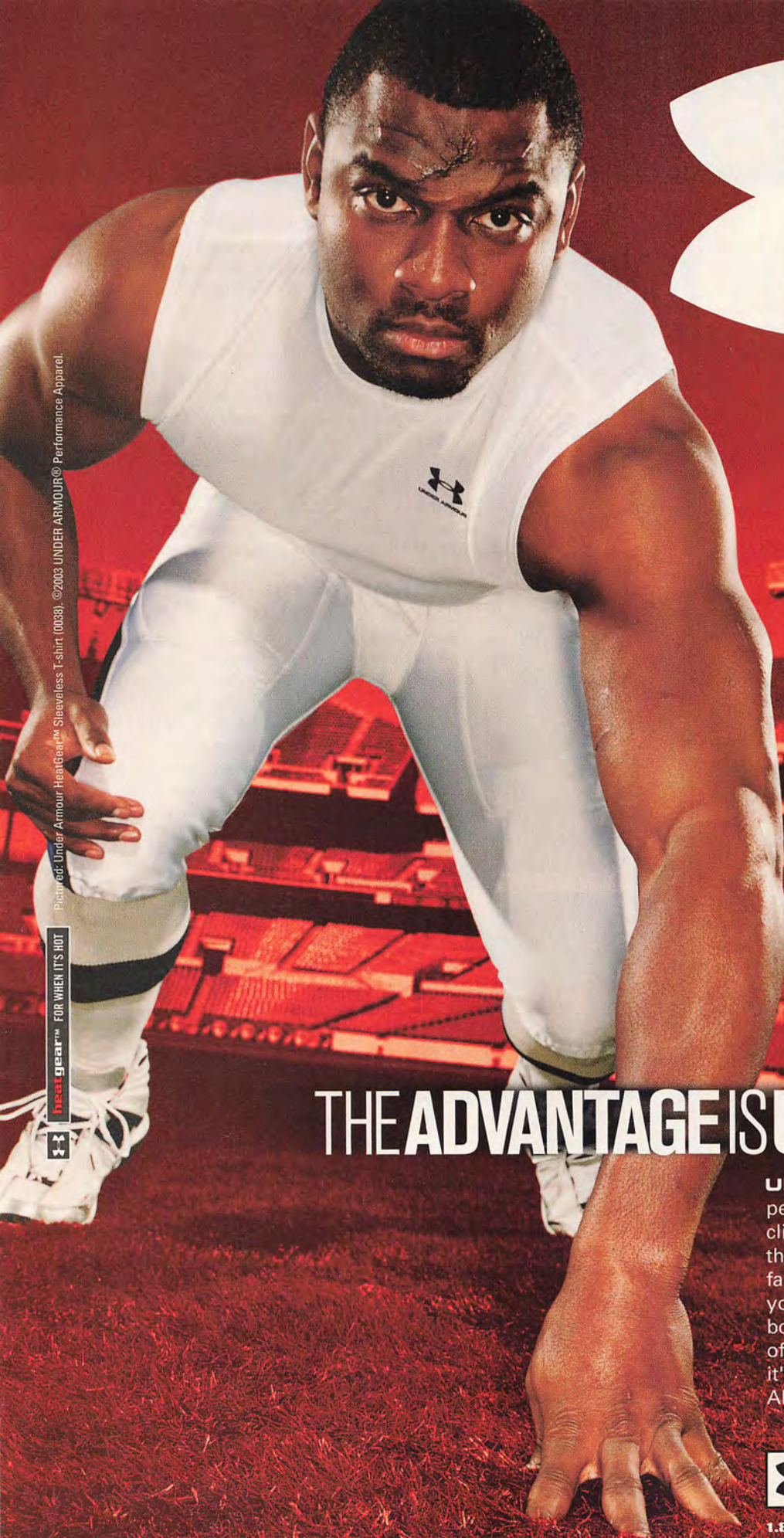
All five starting offensive linemen are back for the reigning national champions, including second-team All-Big Ten tackle Shane Olivea, who underwent an emergency appendectomy last season and started the Minnesota game 10 days later. Olivea and center Alex Stepanovich are postseason honors candidates. Stepanovich was named Ohio State's Offensive Lineman of the Week in seven of the Buckeyes' 14 games last year.

9. PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh's 6'6", 330-pound offensive tackle Rob Pettiti is an Outland Trophy candidate this year as a junior. As a redshirt freshman two years ago, Pettiti held Syracuse's Dwight Freeney to zero sacks. Pettiti, tackle Matt Morgan and guard Dan LaCarte are all entering their third year as starters with a combined 74 career starts. All five second-stringers are back, including guard Jon Schall, a former starter.

10. NEW MEXICO

All five offensive line starters return for what could be the surprise team of 2003 — the New Mexico Lobos. The group boasts a pair of second-team All-Mountain West Conference returnees in tackle Jason Lenzmeier and guard Claude Terrell. Actually, there are six returning starters, because tackle Nate Hembree, who started the first six games of 2002 before hurting his knee, is also back.



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1. OHIO STATE

All-Big Ten tackle Kenny Peterson is gone, but the other three starters along the Buckeyes' front wall return, along with three second-teamers. All-Big Ten ends Darion Scott and Will Smith combined for 22 tackles for a loss and 14.5 sacks a year ago. Scott, who came to OSU as a linebacker, has been playing as a down lineman for the last three years but still hits like a linebacker. He is moving from end to tackle for 2003. Fifth-year senior Tim Anderson, a 6'4", 289-pound blue-collar type, enters his third year as a starting tackle. End Mike Kudla and tackle Quinn Pitcock were two of the most highly regarded members of last year's recruiting class.

2. OKLAHOMA

Three starters and the four-man tackle rotation return to the Sooners' defensive line. Tackle Tommie Harris has been making dents in OU opponents since his arrival in Norman in 2001. End Jonathan Jackson is back after registering 12 tackles for a loss and six sacks in 2002. He capped his campaign with three tackles for a loss, two sacks and a forced fumble in the Rose Bowl. Dan Cody is another regular contributor at end. Kory Klein has started every game the last two years at tackle, where Lynn McGruder and Dusty Dvoracek both get lots of PT off the bench. High school All-America defensive tackle Moe Dampleer is coming in from Decatur, Ill.

3. TEXAS

All-America end Cory Redding is gone, but Texas coach Mack Brown has been stockpiling an overabundance of talent on his defensive line. End Kalen Thornton was a full-time starter in 2000 and '01 who was limited to three starts last year because of injuries. Thornton has 24 career tackles for a loss to his credit. End Brian Pickryl started five games last year as a true freshman with eight tackles for a loss and 4.5 sacks. Tackle Marcus Tubbs made second-team All-Big 12 though he was limited to eight starts because of injuries. Tackle Rodrigue Wright started nine games in 2002 and was named Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year.

4. USC

USC finished sixth nationally in rushing defense in 2002 and welcomes back four defensive line starters for 2003. End Kenechi Udeze earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors with 16 tackles for a loss and 7.5 sacks. End Omar Nazeel racked up 10.5 tackles for a loss, 6.5 sacks and batted down seven passes. Tackle Mike Patterson started all 13 games last year as a sophomore and joined Udeze on the All-Pac-10 second team. Tackle Shaun Cody was limited to six starts in 2002 because of a knee injury but was a Freshman All-American in 2001.

5. NOTRE DAME

The Fighting Irish came in No. 10 in the nation against the run in 2002, and three starters return, plus pass-rushing specialist Justin Tuck, who assumes an every-down role now. As a redshirt freshman last year he picked up five sacks in limited playing time. Tackles Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard are fifth-year seniors entering their third year as starters. They make



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Chris Covatta

running up the middle against the Irish a painful proposition. Hilliard has a ferocious inside pass rush. Greg Pauly started three games last season when Hilliard was out with an injury and can play either inside position.

6. AUBURN

All four starters are back along the Auburn defensive line. End Reggie Torbor will be starting for a third year after tackling enemy ball carriers behind the line eight times and batting down four passes in 2002. Jay Ratliff, on the other end, posted 10 tackles for a loss and had a sack for minus-nine yards against Penn State in the Capital One Bowl. Tackle DeMarco McNeil is a three-year starter with 25 career tackles for a loss and has intercepted a pass in each of the last two seasons. Spencer Johnson enters his third year as the starter at the other tackle.

7. VIRGINIA

The Cavaliers employ a 3-4 scheme on defense and all three starters return on the line, along with three of their top four backups. End Chris Canty, at 6'7", 280, led all linemen in the ACC with an average of 7.8 tackles per game. Brennan Schmidt started every game last year as a freshman and set a school record for freshman linemen with 87 tackles. At 6'5", 285, junior noseguard Andrew Hoffman excels at tying up blockers and clogging the middle for opponents. Kwakou Robinson was one of the most coveted recruits in the country a year ago and started six games as a true freshman.

8. GEORGIA

The defection of tackle Jonathan Sullivan to the NFL leaves three returning starters along the defensive line for the defending Southeastern Conference champions. End David Pollack is the reigning SEC Player of the Year. His 2002 numbers include 23.5 tackles for a loss and 14 sacks. He also intercepted two passes, converting one into a touchdown. Tackle Kedric Golston played in 14 games and made three starts last year as a true freshman.

9. IOWA

Three starting defensive linemen are back, and six of eight from the 2002 two-deep, for Iowa. End Howard Hodges was first-team All-Big Ten after chalking up 62 tackles. End Matt Roth led the Hawkeyes in sacks with 10 and led the conference in sacks in league games with nine. Roth managed these numbers as a backup, having been converted from linebacker. His speed off the corner has landed him in the starting lineup for '03, bumping Jonathan Babineaux inside to tackle. Jared Clauss returns to his starting job at the other tackle.

10. TCU

TCU led Conference USA in rush defense, and three starters are back on the defensive line, along with all four second-stringers. End Bo Schobel is a first-team All-C-USA returnee with 19 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries in 2002. Second-team all-conference tackle Chad Pugh wasn't far behind with 16 tackles behind the line and 5.5 sacks. End Robert Pollard has 27 career tackles for a loss. Backup end Rannoris Ray played in all 12 games and was C-USA All-Freshman.

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TOP LB UNITS

1. MIAMI

Middle linebacker Jonathan Vilma and weak-side linebacker D.J. Williams both return for the Hurricanes after starting every game last year. Vilma led the team with 133 tackles. The homegrown Coral Gables product has been the Canes' top tackler for two straight years, and he is a returning first-team All-Big East pick. Williams landed on the all-conference second team after finishing second to Vilma with 108 tackles, including 16 for a loss. Sophomore Roger "Rocky" McIntosh started five of the last six games last season and posted 43 tackles, eight for a loss. Sophomore Buck Ortega, a converted quarterback, is an intriguing linebacker prospect. Incoming freshman Tavares Gooden was one of the nation's most sought-after recruits.

2. OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma is developing quite a reputation for linebacker excellence, and there are at least two bell ringers in the fold this year. Weak-side linebacker Teddy Lehman finished 2002 with 112 tackles, 17 tackles for a loss, and two interceptions. Lehman, a first-team All-American and Butkus Award finalist, actually finished second on his team in tackles. The leader was Lance Mitchell, who notched 124 total stops in his first year out of City College of San Francisco. Mitchell was the consensus pick for Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year. Pasha Jackson, a CCSF teammate of Mitchell's, lines up on the strong side.

3. AUBURN

Karlos Dansby's and Dontarrious Thomas' decisions not to turn pro after the 2002 season immediately placed Auburn's linebacker corps among the nation's elite groups for 2003. Dansby was first-team All-SEC last year after registering 76 tackles, including 14 behind the line and four sacks. Thomas racked up 92 tackles on the year and captured Capital One Bowl Defensive MVP honors in Auburn's 13-9 win over Penn State. Derrick Graves and Lemarcus Rowell also were in the regular playing group last year, Rowell as a true freshman. Rowell is slated to take over as the starting middle linebacker this year.

4. NOTRE DAME

Courtney Watson was a 2002 Butkus Award finalist and is back at weak-side linebacker for Notre Dame. Watson notched a team-high 90 tackles, 10 for a loss. He intercepted four passes and ran one back 34 yards for a touchdown against Stanford for his second career TD on an interception return. Senior Mike Goolsby is back at middle linebacker after registering a team-high 13 tackles for a loss in 2002. Junior Brandon Hoyte started three games and posted 57 tackles for the season, including 10 in the Gator Bowl. He gives the Irish a seamless three-man rotation at the inside spots along with Goolsby and Watson. Senior Derek Curry is back at his strong-side post.

5. USC

The top two tacklers on last year's USC team return in linebackers Matt Grootegeod and Melvin Simmons. Grootegeod wreaked havoc upon 2002 Trojan foes with 81 tackles, 16.5 tackles for a loss, eight sacks and an interception. Simmons, in his first year of eligibility after trans-



JONATHAN VILMA
Allen Kee



TEDDY LEHMAN
Ric Fogel



DONTARRIOUS THOMAS
Steve Woltmann

ferring from Washington State, rang up 71 tackles, a pair of picks and five pass breakups. Lofa Tatupu, who sat out last season after transferring from Maine, is one of the candidates for the middle linebacker vacancy. Oscar Lua was active in limited duty off the bench last year but was rehabbing a knee this spring.

6. PURDUE

Middle linebacker Niko Koutouvides returns after leading the Boilermakers in tackles last fall with 121, including 11.5 for a loss. He compiled six double-figure tackle games and landed on the All-Big Ten first unit. Landon Johnson finished second on the team with 90 tackles and is back on the weak side. Johnson reached double figures in tackles in four games and had 15 against Minnesota. Gilbert Gardner takes over on the strong side after posting 57 stops as a backup in 2002.

7. FLORIDA STATE

Seminole outside linebackers Michael Boulware and Kendyll Pope both were second-team All-ACC picks last year. Both will be seniors in 2003. Boulware finished second on the team in tackles last season with 127. Pope led the Noles in tackles with 131 and intercepted two passes, giving him five for his career. Allen Augustin is back after starting the last six games of 2002 at middle linebacker and notching 83 tackles on the year. Sophomore A.J. Nicholson, who saw extensive action off the bench as a true freshman last season, and incoming freshman Ernie Sims III, the No. 1 linebacker recruit in the nation, provide depth.

8. SOUTHERN MISS

The Golden Eagles' linebacker corps packs a double wallop. Rod Davis was a first-team All-American in 2002. He led Conference USA in tackles with 168. His 122 solo stops and 23.5 tackles for a loss are new school records. He also came up with 10.5 sacks and two interceptions. Davis' partner is Michael Boley, a first-team All-C-USA selection last year with 142 tackles, including 16 behind the line. Boley also picked off a pass and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown.

9. TEXAS

Longhorn linebacker Derrick Johnson was a consensus first-team All-Big 12 pick as a sophomore in 2002. He rang up 120 tackles, including 13 for a loss, and picked off four enemy aeriels. Reed Boyd also returns for UT after leading the team in tackles last fall with 123. A special teams standout his first two years, Boyd posted double-digit tackle games in four of his first five starts last fall.

10. ARKANSAS

All three linebacker starters return for the Razorbacks in 2003. Tony Bua was second-team All-SEC after registering 131 tackles, nine for a loss, and picking off a pair of passes. Caleb Miller chipped in generously with 113 total stops and nine tackles for a loss. Clarke Moore was Arkansas' fifth-leading tackler last year as a redshirt freshman and now takes over at middle linebacker, freeing up Jeb Huckeba's move to defensive end for '03.



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TOP DB UNITS

1. MIAMI

The Hurricanes pulled off a remarkable feat last season. They fielded a secondary with all new starters and proceeded to lead the nation in pass defense by a whopping 33 yards per game. And all four starters are back for 2003. Cornerback Antrel Rolle and safeties Maurice Sikes and Sean Taylor all were first-team All-Big East. Taylor, at free safety, finished third on the team with 85 tackles, mostly delecters. Strong Safety Sikes returned two of his three interceptions for touchdowns and blocked a field goal. Sophomore Greg Threat played extensively as a true freshman last year and could "Wally Pipp" Sikes for the strong safety job with Sikes out of spring practice rehabbing a shoulder.

2. OKLAHOMA

Andre Woolfolk is gone, scarfed up by the Tennessee Titans in the draft, but the other three starters return to the Oklahoma secondary. Two of them — free safety Brandon Everage and cornerback Derrick Strait — were 2002 Thorpe Award semifinalists. Everage and Strait burned Sooners foes for six interceptions each. Backup cornerback Antonio Perkins, who should move into the lineup for the departed Woolfolk, picked off four passes. Eric Bassey started all 14 games at strong safety last year and contributed eight tackles for a loss and two interceptions. Junior college All-American Donte Nicholson and high school All-American Tony Cade will join the party this fall.

3. MARYLAND

All four starting defensive backs return for the Teraps in 2003. Senior cornerback Curome Cox has started 33 games. He has eight career interceptions and has returned two for touchdowns. Junior cornerback Dominique Foxworth, first-team All-ACC last season, led the conference in passes defended with 23. Safeties Dennard Wilson, a cornerback his first two years, and Madiou Williams combined for 154 tackles and five interceptions in 2002.

4. FLORIDA STATE

The venerable Bobby Bowden welcomes back all four starting defensive backs from last season. Cornerback Stanford Samuels led the Seminoles in pass breakups with 14 and tied for the team lead with three interceptions. Senior cornerback Rufus Brown chipped in with a pair of picks and eight pass breakups. Junior Bryant McFadden, who backs up Brown at right cornerback, tied Samuels for the team lead in interceptions with three. Jerome Carter started 11 games last year as a sophomore and led Florida State's DBs in tackles and sacks. Juniors Kyler Hall and B.J. Ward were co-starters at free safety last year.

5. FLORIDA

Three starters are back in the Florida secondary. Cornerback Keiwan Ratliff, second-team All-SEC, had nine pass breakups and an interception, which he returned 62 yards for a TD against Kentucky. He played some on offense and plans to do more double duty this year. Strong safety Guss Scott joined Ratliff on the all-conference second team, com-



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piling 102 tackles with a team-high 11 pass deflections. Backup strong safety Cory Bailey started six games as a nickel back. Free safety Daryl Dixon boasts four career INTs. High school All-American Demetrius Webb and junior college All-American Reynaldo Hill keep the riches flowing.

6. TEXAS

A pair of second-team All-Big 12 returnees — Nathan Vasher and Dakarai Pearson — headline the 2003 Texas defensive back contingent. Cornerback Vasher checks in with four interceptions and 15 pass breakups from 2002; free safety Pearson picked six and broke up 13. Michael Huff started all 13 games — 10 at strong safety and three at cornerback while Vasher was out with an injury — as a redshirt freshman last year. Huff intercepted two passes and ran them both back for touchdowns. Edorian McCullough was a nickel back and top backup corner as a true freshman last year.

7. GEORGIA

The SEC champion Georgia Bulldogs welcome back all four starters in the secondary. Rover Kentrell Curry was second-team All-SEC. He made 69 tackles and picked off four passes, running one back for a score. Cornerback Bruce Thornton returned an interception 71 yards to paydirt in the Dawgs' 26-13 Sugar Bowl victory over Florida State. Free safety Sean Jones and cornerback Decory Bryant also return to their posts, with highly rated incoming freshman Paul Oliver a threat to usurp some playing time.

8. WASHINGTON

Husky cornerback Derrick Johnson, second-team All-Pac-10 in 2002, ranked second in the conference in interceptions with five and tied for fifth in passes defended with 15. Speedster Roc Alexander picked off four passes in 2001, missed most of last season with a shoulder injury and returns for '03. Cornerback Chris Massey started one game, picked off two passes and returned one for a touchdown. Strong safety Evan Benjamin had one start and one interception as a freshman last year.

9. ARKANSAS

All-SEC free safety Ken Hamlin has gone pro, but three full-time starting DBs, plus two part-time starters, return for Arkansas. Cornerback Ahmad Carroll was second-team All-SEC last year. Cornerback Lawrence Richardson also got some all-conference recognition after leading the Hogs in interceptions with four and pass breakups with 13. Marvin Jackson was a spot starter last season at both corners, and a fourth cornerback returnee, Bo Mosely, chalked up three INTs and ran one back for a touchdown. Jimmy Beasley, Jimarr Gallon and Vikiel Vaughn all return at the safeties.

10. MICHIGAN

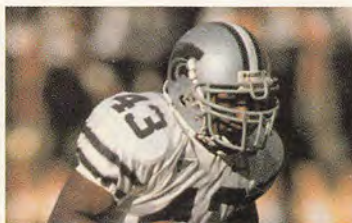
Marlin Jackson is a returning first-team All-Big Ten cornerback for the Wolverines. As a sophomore last season, Jackson set Michigan records for pass breakups in a game with six and in a season with 18. Jeremy LeSueur and Markus Curry are other high-impact cornerbacks. Ernest Shazor should begin to live up to his advance billing at safety with the graduation of starters Cato June and Charles Drake.

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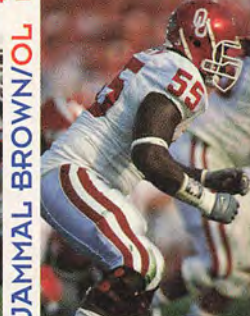
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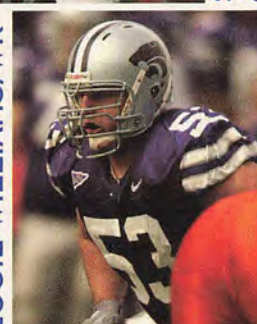
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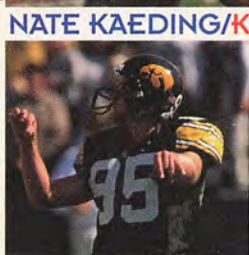
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REGGIE WILLIAMS/WR



NICK LECKEY/OL



NATE KAEDING/K



ANTONIO HALL/OL



JACOB ROGERS/OL



BRODERICK CLARK/KR



RASHAUN WOODS/WR

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Cody Pickett	6'4"	215	Sr.	Washington
RB	Steven Jackson	6'3"	229	Jr.	Oregon State
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	175	Jr.	Kansas State
WR	Reggie Williams	6'4"	220	Jr.	Washington
WR	Rashaun Woods	6'2"	190	Sr.	Okla. State
TE	Kellen Winslow	6'5"	233	Jr.	Miami
OL	Shawn Andrews	6'5"	371	Jr.	Arkansas
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	305	Jr.	Oklahoma
OL	Nick Leckey	6'4"	285	Sr.	Kansas State
OL	Antonio Hall	6'5"	299	Sr.	Kentucky
OL	Jacob Rogers	6'6"	305	Sr.	USC

SPECIALISTS

K	Nate Kaeding	6'0"	177	Sr.	Iowa
KR	Broderick Clark	6'0"	191	So.	Louisville

DEFENSE

DL	Claude Harriott	6'4"	270	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Tommie Harris	6'3"	280	Jr.	Oklahoma
DL	Darrion Scott	6'3"	271	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	David Pollack	6'3"	278	Jr.	Georgia
LB	Teddy Lehman	6'2"	241	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Courtney Watson	6'1"	234	Sr.	Notre Dame
LB	Rod Davis	6'3"	246	Sr.	So. Miss
DB	Chris Gamble	6'2"	180	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Brandon Everage	6'0"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Sean Taylor	6'3"	220	Jr.	Miami
DB	Marlin Jackson	6'1"	189	Jr.	Michigan

P	Andy Lee	6'2"	205	Sr.	Pittsburgh
PR	Derek Abney	5'10"	175	Jr.	Kentucky

Darren Betancourt by John Bettancourt; Cody Pickett, Steven Jackson, Reggie Williams, Jammal Brown, Jacob Rogers, by Peter Brouillet; Rashaun Woods, Nick Leckey by Larry Smith, Kellen Winslow by Bill Wood, Broderick Clark by Brad Schloss, Antonio Hall by Charles Small, Shawn Andrews by Courtland Richards, Nate Kaeding, Brian Ebner



TOMMIE HARRIS/DL

DAVID POLLACK/DL



SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Brad Smith	6'3"	201	So.	Missouri
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	194	Jr.	Wisconsin
RB	Maurice Clarett	6'0"	230	So.	Ohio State
WR	Larry Fitzgerald	6'3"	210	So.	Pittsburgh
WR	Mike Williams	6'5"	210	So.	USC
TE	Ben Utecht	6'6"	250	Sr.	Minnesota
OL	Robert Gallery	6'7"	317	Sr.	Iowa
OL	David Baas	6'5"	320	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Stephen Peterman	6'4"	325	Sr.	LSU
OL	Rob Petitti	6'6"	330	Jr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Calvin Armstrong	6'8"	315	Jr.	Wash. State

DEFENSE

DL	Will Smith	6'4"	250	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Jason Babin	6'4"	265	Sr.	Western Mich.
DL	Nathaniel Adibi	6'3"	255	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DL	Andrew Shull	6'5"	260	Sr.	Kansas State
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	220	Jr.	Texas
LB	Karlos Dansby	6'5"	235	Sr.	Auburn
LB	Kirk Morrison	6'2"	240	Jr.	San Diego St.
DB	Vontez Duff	5'11"	194	Sr.	Notre Dame
DB	Jamaal Brimmer	6'1"	205	Jr.	UNLV
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	180	Jr.	Wisconsin
DB	DeAngelo Hall	5'11"	198	Jr.	Virginia Tech

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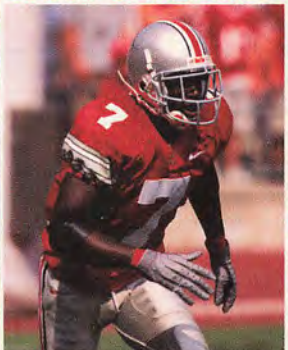
K	Mike Nugent	5'10"	170	Jr.	Ohio State
KR	Jason Wright	5'10"	210	Sr.	Northwestern

P	Matt Payne	6'4"	240	Jr.	BYU
PR	Dan Sheldon	5'11"	175	Jr.	No. Illinois

MARLIN JACKSON/DB

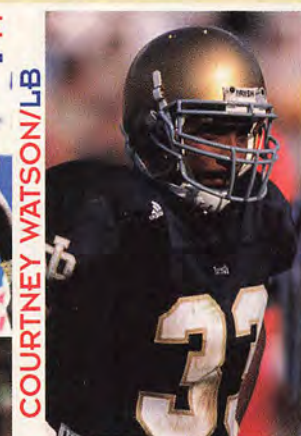


CHRIS GAMBLE/DB



DARRION SCOTT/DL

CLAUDE HARRIOTT/DL



DEREK ABNEY/PR



ANDY LEE/P

SEAN TAYLOR/DB



ROD DAVIS/LB



TEDDY LEHMAN/LB



BRANDON EVERAGE/DB

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Matt Schaub	6'5"	240	Sr.	Virginia
RB	Michael Turner	6'0"	223	Sr.	No. Illinois
RB	Kevin Jones	6'0"	209	Jr.	Virginia Tech
WR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State
WR	James Newson	6'1"	208	Sr.	Oregon State
TE	Heath Miller	6'5"	254	So.	Virginia
OL	Wesley Britt	6'8"	312	Jr.	Alabama
OL	Rob Droege	6'6"	300	Sr.	Missouri
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'5"	320	Jr.	Toledo
OL	Chris Colmer	6'6"	305	Sr.	NC State
OL	Tony Pape	6'6"	305	Sr.	Michigan

DEFENSE

DL	Kenechi Udeze	6'4"	280	Jr.	USC
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DL	Cedric Hilliard	6'2"	295	Sr.	Notre Dame
DL	Howard Hodges	6'2"	255	Sr.	Iowa
LB	Matt Grootegeod	5'11"	205	Jr.	USC
LB	Grant Wiley	6'1"	230	Sr.	West Virginia
LB	Jonathan Vilma	6'2"	208	Sr.	Miami
DB	Etric Pruitt	6'0"	185	Sr.	So. Miss
DB	Derrick Strait	5'11"	194	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Bob Sanders	5'8"	202	Sr.	Iowa
DB	Corey Webster	6'0"	197	Sr.	LSU

SPECIALISTS

K	Billy Bennett	5'8"	175	Sr.	Georgia
KR	Nate Jones	5'10"	180	Sr.	Rutgers

P	Cody Scates	6'0"	182	Sr.	Texas A&M
PR	Wes Welker	5'9"	190	Sr.	Texas Tech

COACHING

These 17 programs will have new bosses in the fall

CAROUSEL

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ALABAMA

Coach: Mike Shula

Former job: Quarterbacks coach, Miami Dolphins

Pros: Shula is an Alabama alum who has a passion for the university and clearly understands the magnitude of the job. Shula is well-liked and has an impeccable reputation — something that was very important to the school in the wake of the Mike Price fiasco. He will bring some energy to the program and should be an outstanding recruiter.

Cons: Shula has never been a head coach and has no coaching experience in the collegiate ranks. He served as the

offensive coordinator in Tampa Bay from 1996–99 but was let go following the '99 season. His four offenses ranked 28th, 29th, 22nd and 28th in the league.

Final Verdict: Shula was a safe hire for a school attempting to restore order in its once proud football program. Is he a good hire? That, of course, remains to be seen. But it is interesting that he wasn't considered a serious candidate when the job initially came open in December, yet he was the first coach interviewed this time around. Why wasn't he an attractive candidate before?

BALL STATE

Coach: Brady Hoke

Former Job: Associate head coach, defensive line coach, Michigan

Pros: The 44-year-old Hoke has 14 years of experience as an assistant at major-conference schools — six at Oregon State and the past eight at Michigan. He has five years of experience as an assistant in the MAC — two at Toledo and three at Western Michigan. He is a Ball State alum and was a starting linebacker on the Cardinals' 1978 MAC title team.

Cons: He has never been a head coach on any level and has never been a coordinator in 19 years as an assistant in the collegiate ranks.

Final Verdict: Aside from Hoke's lack of coordinator/head coaching experience, Ball State appears to have made a great hire. Hoke has all the qualities a MAC school could hope to find in coach: He's young, energetic, a respected recruiter, and he spent eight years training at one of the elite programs in the Big Ten.

BAYLOR

Coach: Guy Morriss

Former Job: Head coach, Kentucky

Pros: Morriss did a solid job keeping the Kentucky program afloat after the school was slapped with NCAA sanctions for recruiting violations under the watch of former coach Hal Mumme. After winning just two games in his first season as the head coach, Morriss guided Kentucky to a 7–5 record in 2002 that included road wins over arch-rival Louisville and SEC West



Baylor SID

champ Arkansas. He is well-liked by his players and was eager to return to his native Texas to take on the huge challenge at Baylor.

Cons: Morriss does not have much experience as a head coach and despite popular perception, he didn't exactly "turn around" the Kentucky program. One seven-win season does not complete a rebuilding job, no matter how difficult the circumstances. He won just four SEC games in two seasons, and three of those victories came against teams that failed to win a conference game.

Final Verdict: Baylor is one of the most difficult coaching jobs in the country. The Bears have won just four Big 12 games since the league was formed in 1996, and they compete in the brutal South Division. Baylor should consider itself fortunate to have lured away a head coach from another BCS conference school, but the Morriss hire isn't causing much consternation among the folks in Austin, College Station and Norman.

BOWLING GREEN

Coach: Gregg Brandon

Former Job: Assistant head coach, Bowling Green

Pros: Brandon didn't have the official title of offensive coordinator, but he directed Bowling Green's explosive offense over the past two seasons. The Falcons' 2002 unit finished third in the nation in scoring (40.8 points per game) and ninth in total offense (448.9 yards per game). Brandon has 22 years of experience as an assistant coach in the collegiate ranks, and he has served under some excellent head coaches — Mike Price, Gary Barnett and Urban Meyer.

Cons: Brandon hasn't been a head coach since his three-year stint at Ellicott (Colo.) High School from 1978–80. However, it is difficult to indict Bowling Green for hiring someone without head coaching experience; other than Gary Darnell's seven games as an interim coach at Florida in 1989, none of the current 14 coaches in the MAC had served as a head coach in the Division I-A ranks prior to being hired at their current school.

Final Verdict: Brandon, on paper, looks like a great hire for Bowling Green. He has paid his dues and deserves a chance to run his own program. His task, however, won't be easy. Despite the Falcons' recent success, Bowling Green is not one of the premier jobs in the MAC. The facilities are poor and the support isn't very good. Only 12,974 fans showed up for the Falcons' final home game last fall to watch one of the most entertaining offenses in the nation.



Bowling Green SID

EAST CAROLINA

Coach: John Thompson

Former Job: Defensive coordinator, Florida

Pros: Thompson, who has spent 19 years as a defensive coordinator at six different schools, is one of the most well-respected defensive minds in

the South. He was Jeff Bower's top aide at Southern Miss before moving on to short stints at Memphis, Arkansas and Florida. East Carolina has not done a good job recruiting the Deep South in recent years. Expect that to change with Thompson in charge.

Cons: There is a big difference between running a defense and running an entire program. Thompson must be able to handle all of the responsibilities that come with being a head coach at a Conference USA school.

Final Verdict: East Carolina experienced tremendous success under Steve Logan, who won a school-record 69 games and took the Pirates to five bowl games in his 11 years at the school. But he was dumped after a 4-8 season in 2002 — just his second losing season since 1993 — so there will be significant pressure on Thompson to win right away.

HOUSTON

Coach: Art Briles

Former Job: Running backs coach, Texas Tech

Pros: Briles was a key member of one of the most innovative offensive staffs in the nation the past three seasons at Texas Tech. He has spent his entire adult life either playing or coaching football in the state of Texas — first as a wide receiver at Houston, then later as head coach at three different high schools before landing on Mike Leach's staff at Tech. He will have tremendous recruiting contacts around the state.

Cons: Briles was coaching high school football as recently as 1999 and has just three years of experience — including none as a coordinator — in the collegiate ranks.

Final Verdict: Briles' hire was very well-received around the state. He takes over a program that improved dramatically in the final year of Dana Dimel's tenure. The Cougars won five games last fall after combining for just three the previous two seasons, and Dimel's final two recruiting classes were relatively strong. Briles can win at Houston, but there are some significant hurdles. Fan support has been very poor of late; the Cougars ranked 105th in the nation and last in C-USA in attendance with an average crowd of 14,986 per game.

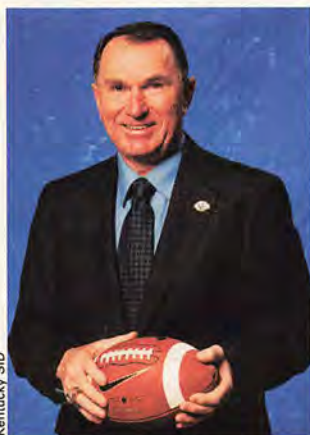


Houston SID

KENTUCKY

Coach: Rich Brooks

Former Job: Defensive coordinator, Atlanta Falcons (2000)



Kentucky SID

Pros: It took him quite a while, but Brooks put Oregon football on the national map when he guided the Ducks to the 1994 Pac-10 title and the school's first Rose Bowl since 1958. He has extensive NFL experience as well, after serving as the head coach in St. Louis for two seasons and the defensive coordinator in Atlanta for four years. Brooks will sell recruits on his experience as a collegiate head coach and his ties to the NFL.

Cons: Brooks had been out of coaching for two full seasons and hasn't coached in college since 1994.

In 18 years at Oregon, he only had seven winning seasons and won more than six games just three times. Also, the Oregon program was banned from postseason play in 1981 and faced NCAA sanctions early in Brooks' tenure. He was cleared of any wrongdoing, but the sanctions occurred on his watch.

Final Verdict: Kentucky took a swing at Bill Parcells early in the search, and later talked to Mike Riley, Jim Donnan, Mike Kruczek, Norm Chow, Doug Williams and others before bringing Brooks out of retirement. The current NCAA sanctions might have scared off some potential candidates, but it is a bit surprising the Wildcats were not able to attract a better pool of candidates. The Kentucky job is a tremendous challenge due to the competition in the SEC East, but the school has outstanding facilities and great fan support.

LOUISIANA-MONROE

Coach: Charlie Weatherbie

Former Job: Head coach Navy (fired during 2001 season)

Pros: Weatherbie has enjoyed success at two schools that have struggled to produce winning teams — Utah State and Navy. In 1993, he guided Utah State to its first winning season in over a decade and capped off the Aggies' 7-5 season with a win over Ball State in the Las Vegas Bowl. Weatherbie guided Navy to a 9-3 record in his second season in Annapolis, and followed that with a 7-4 mark in 1997. He is the only coach in the past 20 years to lead the Mids to consecutive winning seasons.

Cons: Not many. Weatherbie's career record is just 45-64, but he has worked in two very difficult situations. His stint at Navy didn't end on the best note; the Mids dropped 17 of their final 18 with Weatherbie in charge.

Final Analysis: It is rare that a Sun Belt school has an opportunity to hire an experienced Division I-A head coach. Louisiana-Monroe should consider itself fortunate that a coach of Weatherbie's stature was available — and interested. The Indians have struggled in the two-year history of the Sun Belt, but they can be a competitive program in the league. The school is in the middle of a fertile recruiting area, and Weatherbie should be able to attract some quality players.

LOUISVILLE

Coach: Bob Petrino

Former Job: Offensive coordinator, Auburn

Pros: Petrino did a superb job with the Auburn offense in his only season on The Plains. The Tigers ranked third in the SEC in total offense and third in scoring offense in 2002 after finishing ninth and 10th, respectively, in 2001. He was the offensive coordinator during John L. Smith's first season at Louisville in 1998 when the Cardinals led the nation in total offense and scoring offense. In between Louisville and Auburn, Petrino spent three years with the Jacksonville Jaguars, including one season as the Jags' offensive coordinator.

Cons: Petrino has no experience as a head coach on any level.

Final Verdict: Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich, one of the top administrators in the business, didn't waste much time after Smith bolted for Michigan State. He quickly identified Petrino as his primary target and had the Cards' former offensive coordinator signed to a long-term deal just four days after Smith was introduced in East Lansing. Petrino appears to be the perfect fit at Louisville and should keep the Cardinals among the elite programs in Conference USA.



Louisville SID

MICHIGAN STATE

Coach: John L. Smith

Former Job: Head coach, Louisville

Pros: Smith has won at every stop, compiling a 110–60 career record at I-AA Idaho (six years), Utah State (three years) and Louisville (five years). His record in conference play is an impressive 71–25 (.740), and he has never had a losing record in league play. Smith inherited a Louisville program that suffered through a 1–10 record in 1997 and quickly established the Cardinals as one of the top teams in Conference USA. He won two league titles in five years at Louisville and recorded a 41–21 overall record and a 25–9 mark in conference games.



Michigan State SID

Cons: Louisville was an overwhelming favorite to capture its third straight C-USA title in 2002, but the Cardinals struggled through a mediocre (7–6) season that ended with a loss in the GMAC Bowl. And during the bowl game, word spread through the Cardinals' sideline that Smith was prepared to accept the Michigan State job the next morning. Louisville played like a team that was about to lose its coach.

Final Verdict: Smith was a great

hire for Michigan State. He has been a consistent winner throughout his career as a head coach, and he has won in entertaining fashion; Louisville averaged over 33 points per game in his five seasons. Smith will add some much-needed stability at Michigan State and should have the Spartans back in the upper half of the Big Ten in the next few years.

OREGON STATE

Coach: Mike Riley

Former Job: Assistant head coach and secondary coach, New Orleans Saints

Pros: In his previous stint at Oregon State, Riley laid the groundwork for the Beavers' recent resurgence. He failed to produce a winning season, but OSU's 5–6 record in 1998 (his final season) was the school's best mark since 1971. Riley recruited many of the players on the Beavers' 2000 Pac-10 co-Championship club, and he was very popular with both the players and fans. He is a graduate of Corvallis High School who is thrilled to be given another opportunity to return home.

Cons: Riley angered some Oregon State fans after he bolted for the riches of the NFL's San Diego Chargers after just two years in Corvallis. And while it is hard to deny he played a significant role in OSU's ascension up the Pac-10 food chain, Riley finished his first tenure in Corvallis with an 8–14 record, and he has gone five straight seasons as a head coach — two at OSU, three in San Diego — without a winning record.



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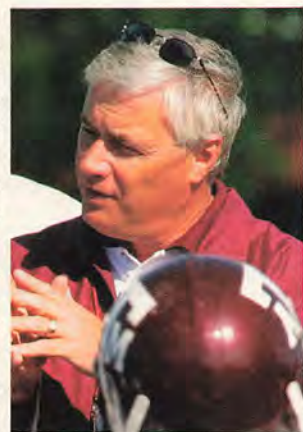
Final Verdict: Oregon State was fortunate Riley was still available in late February. This past off-season he turned down an offer to coach Alabama, his alma mater, and was passed over at UCLA. When the OSU job opened up, Riley immediately expressed a desire to return home to finish what he started in Corvallis. He is a perfect fit at Oregon State, and after an unsuccessful stint with the Chargers, he isn't likely to return (or be asked to return) to the NFL. Riley inherits a talented club from Dennis Erickson, and the Beavers are poised to continue this unprecedented run of success.

TEXAS A&M

Coach: Dennis Franchione

Former Job: Head coach, Alabama

Pros: Franchione has established himself as one of the premier program builders in college football over the past decade. After successful stops at Division II Southwestern College (14–4–2), NAIA Pittsburg (Kan.) State (53–6) and I-AA Southwest Texas State (13–9), Franchione took over the struggling New Mexico program. He guided the Lobos to three winning seasons in six years in Albuquerque and capped his career at UNM with a WAC Mountain Division title and a spot in the Insight.com Bowl. He then moved on to TCU and took a team that went 1–10 in 1997 and led them to three straight winning seasons and two conference titles. At Alabama, Franchione took over a program in turmoil and had the Tide atop the SEC West in two short years. He is clearly a coach who knows how to win.



Texas A&M SID

Cons: Franchione has switched jobs seven times in his 20 seasons as a head coach, including three times in the past six years. But this is likely Fran's final stop. It has been no secret that he one day was eyeing a return to the Southwest, and Texas A&M is one of the top jobs in the region — and in all of college football.

Final Verdict: Texas A&M has found a coach ideally suited to take the Aggies to the next level in the Big 12. R.C. Slocum did an outstanding job in College Station, but the program had stagnated in recent years. With both Texas and Oklahoma on a roll in the Big 12 South, winning big won't be easy for Texas A&M, but Franchione didn't leave Alabama to finish in third place in the South.

TULSA

Coach: Steve Kragthorpe

Former Job: Quarterbacks coach, Buffalo Bills

Pros: Kragthorpe has built a nice résumé in his 13 years as a coach. He has worked his way up the coaching food chain and has three years of experience as an offensive coordinator at a major-conference school (Texas A&M) and two years as an assistant in the NFL. After going with a defensive coach (Keith Burns) in its last hire, Tulsa tabbed Kragthorpe to add some spark to an offense that ranked 105th in the nation in total offense and 101st in scoring offense in 2002.

Cons: In Kragthorpe's three years as the offensive coordinator at A&M, the Aggies' offense averaged just 353.4 yards per game, its worst three-year total since the early 1980s. The A&M ground game was especially poor during the Kragthorpe era, averaging a very un-Aggie-like 148.4 yards per game.

Final Verdict: Kragthorpe has a big challenge ahead of him. Tulsa is 2–21 over the past two seasons, and the Golden Hurricane have just one WAC win to their credit since the start of the 2001 season. There is, however, some offensive talent for the new coach to work with; Tulsa returns quarterback Tyler Gooch (2,100 yards, 17 TDs, eight INTs) and its top ball carrier Eric Richardson (957 yards on a 5.2-yard average).



Tulsa SID

UCLA

Coach: Karl Dorrell

Former Job: Receivers coach, Denver Broncos

Pros: Dorrell has four years of experience as an offensive coordinator in major college football (one with Washington and three with Colorado) and spent the past three years as the receivers coach with the Denver Broncos. He is a former standout receiver with the Bruins who was a key part of three UCLA teams that won Rose Bowls. He has put together a strong staff that includes highly regarded defensive coordinator Larry Kerr, who spent the past 10 seasons at Colorado State.



UCLA SID

Cons: Dorrell has no experience as a head coach at any level, and he wasn't an overwhelming success as a coordinator. The Colorado offense became less productive each season during his tenure in Boulder. After averaging 486.6 yards in his first season (1995), the CU offense dipped to 452.1 yards in '96, 367.9 in '98 and 325.5 in '99. And in the first year after his departure, the Buffaloes' offensive productivity increased by almost 100 yards per game.

Final Verdict: UCLA is one of the more attractive coaching jobs in the country, and the Bruins — if they were willing to pay the price — could have lured away a proven winner from a major-conference school. But athletic director Daniel Guerrero gambled on Dorrell, a first-time head coach who takes over at UCLA at a time when the Bruins' cross-town rival USC is re-emerging as one of the elite programs in college football.

UTAH

Coach: Urban Meyer

Former Job: Head coach, Bowling Green

Pros: Meyer was one of the hottest young coaches in the game over the past two seasons after quickly building Bowling Green into a contender in the MAC. The Falcons went 17-6 in Meyer's two seasons, and this past fall they spent five weeks ranked in the Top 25. Bowling Green featured one of the most explosive offenses in the nation during Meyer's watch, ranking third in scoring (40.8 points per game) and ninth in total offense (448.9 yards per game) in 2002. Though he is an Ohio native who has coached much of his career in the Midwest, Meyer spent six seasons as the wide receivers coach at Colorado State and is very familiar with the teams in the Mountain West Conference.

Cons: Meyer fits the profile for a head coach in the Big Ten, so the folks at Utah have to be concerned whether or not he will stick around if he experiences immediate success at Utah. He left Bowling Green after just two seasons — and after insisting he was staying for at least another year — for a job in the Mountain West Conference. Will he do the same if a Big Ten school comes calling?

Final Verdict: Even if Meyer doesn't remain in Salt Lake City for the long haul, this was still a great hire by Utah. He is a proven head coach who will inject some much-needed excitement into the Utes' offense. Utah experienced sporadic success over the past decade under Ron McBride. With Meyer now in charge, the Utes should be challenging Colorado State for the MWC title on an annual basis.



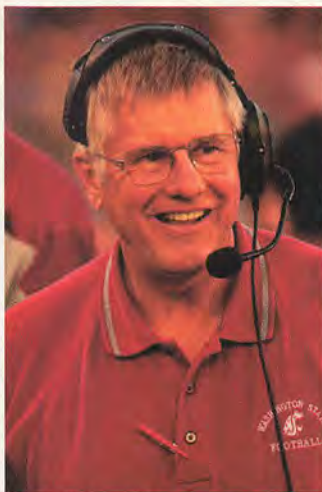
Utah SID

WASHINGTON STATE

Coach: Bill Doba

Former Job: Defensive coordinator, Washington State

Pros: Doba, a member of Mike Price's original staff at Washington State, has been with the Cougars for 14 years, including the last nine as the defensive coordinator. He is well-liked by the players and was the overwhelming choice by the WSU administration to take over when Price bolted for Alabama. Washington State has been known for its offensive productivity over the years, but Doba's defenses have consistently been ranked in the top half of the Pac-10. Only once, in 2000, did the Cougars rank lower than fifth in the league in total defense in the Doba era.



Washington State SID

Cons: Doba has never been a head coach in the collegiate ranks, though he did serve as a high school head coach for 12 seasons at three different schools.

Final Verdict: Instead of opening up a nationwide search for a new football coach, Washington State opted to stay in house and quickly selected Doba as its new head coach. While Price has proved you can win in Pullman, only once (2001-02) did he string together consecutive winning seasons. Doba's challenge is to capitalize on the Cougars' recent success and keep Wazzu in the upper echelon of the Pac-10.

WYOMING

Coach: Joe Glenn

Former Job: Head coach, Montana

Pros: Glenn has been one of the most successful head coaches in college football over the past 14 years. In three seasons at Division I-AA Montana, he guided the Grizzlies to a 39-6 record, three Big Sky Championships and the 2001 national title. Prior to that, Glenn led Division II Northern Colorado to a 98-35 record in 11 seasons and won consecutive national titles in 1996 and 1997. His overall record as a head coach, which also includes a four-year stop at Doane (Neb.) College, is 158-59-1 (.727), and his teams have won at least a share of six straight conference titles.

Cons: Glenn's record at Montana is obviously impressive, but it should be noted he inherited a program which had enjoyed 14 consecutive winning seasons and had captured four of the previous five Big Sky Conference titles. And as former Grizz coach Mick Dennehy has found out, winning at Montana doesn't guarantee success at the I-A level. Dennehy, who compiled a 39-12 record in four years at Montana, is just 13-20 in three seasons at Utah State.

Final Verdict: It was just a matter of time until Glenn was snapped up by a Division I-A school. Wyoming fans should feel fortunate to have Glenn on board. He is a proven winner who should be able to make the Cowboys, who won just one league game in the past three seasons, competitive in the Mountain West Conference.



Wyoming SID



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An overlooked but essential part of the game, ball boys experience college football like nobody else

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There was Mike Manhardt, University of Wisconsin ball boy, working the Michigan State sideline, just trying to do his job. Flip the ball to the ref, move down the sideline, flip the ball to the ref.

It didn't work out that way.

"On the first few sets of downs, (then-Spartan coach Nick Saban) thought I was getting in his way, and he got on me," Manhardt says. "So I was just cringing, trying to stay out of his way, and then some of their players started messing with me. I was walking down the sideline and somebody grabbed my a--. I had no idea what to do at that point. I just prayed for the game to end."

Talk about awkward situations. There was Manhardt, decked out in Badger red, smack dab in the middle of the green and white Michigan State sideline, with a crazed man in a headset yelling at him and a pack of geeked-up giants following his every move. Such is the life of a college football ball boy.

If you watch a lot of college football games, you know the scene.

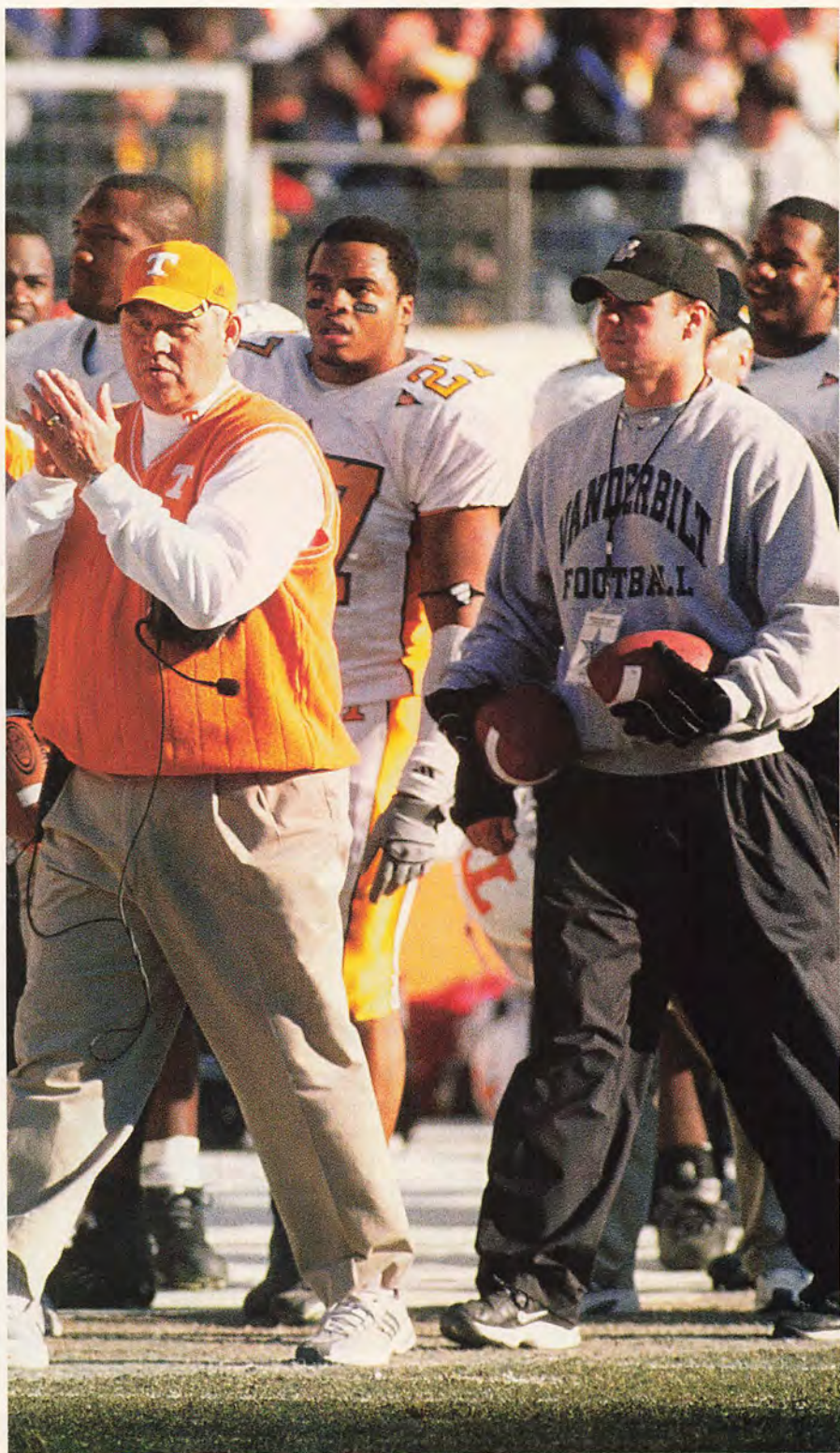
The camera focuses on the head coach. There's Phillip Fulmer pacing the Tennessee sideline, a sea of orange and white behind him. Flip the channel, and there's Lloyd Carr sending in a play, surrounded by his charges in maize and blue.

But wait. In front of Coach Fulmer, in the midst of the Tennessee sideline, there's a kid wearing a Vanderbilt sweatshirt. Next to Coach Carr, holding one of the game balls, is a guy decked out in Iowa gold.

How is it that college football ball boys wind up in these places? (Can you imagine Bobby Knight allowing a student manager from the University of Texas to sit next to him on the Red Raider bench?)

In the college game, each team supplies its own balls for the games, and each team has ball boys positioned on both sidelines to supply balls to the game officials. But it's the ball boys stationed on the opposing sidelines who stand out, and who experience college football like nobody else.

"You feel a real sense of pride representing your school and being that close to the action on the field," says Indiana ball boy Andrew Bunker, a history major from Bloomington. "You're standing right on the sidelines, in front of the players and coaches even. You feel like you're really playing a role in the game."



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Manhardt, a mechanical engineering major, said he was nearly overcome with emotion the first time he took the field at Camp Randall Stadium.

"I had never been to a Big Ten game, let alone a University of Wisconsin game, until my first game as a ball boy," says the Eltoona, Wis., native. "I watched the games on TV all the time, and then there I was on the sideline. I was awestruck. I remember when they played the national anthem, it almost brought a tear to my eye. Standing there with all the people in the stadium — it was awesome."

Once the games begin, there's little time for ball boys to let their emotions get carried away. They have a job to do, after all.

"Running balls," as many ball boys call it, means staying about 10 yards ahead of the line of scrimmage at all times, so that they can throw (almost always an underhand toss) a new ball to the referees when the ball used on the previous play has sailed out of bounds, or gotten wet or muddy, or (since teams use their own balls) when there has been a change of possession.

Since many refs basically stand at midfield when they call for a new ball, the underhand toss has become quite a point of pride for ball runners.

"At practice, my buddy and I spend a lot of time practicing throwing the balls, seeing how far we can do the underhand toss," says Manhardt. "I can throw the ball 40 yards underhand — it's actually more of a sidearm thing. The refs don't want you throwing overhand."

they have their own problems," he says. "As a ball boy, you can't really retaliate; you have to remain professional and let those things slide. Besides, you're kind of outnumbered."

Luke Wyatt, head equipment manager at Vanderbilt and a former ball boy himself, says opposing coaches often took pity on the Commodores.

"When Billy Brewer was the coach at Ole Miss, they were just completely dominating us one game," Wyatt says. "We couldn't do anything on offense. At one point, Brewer just turned to me and said, 'Do you guys even score in practice?'"

When he was still tossing his visor as head coach at Florida, Steve Spurrier even went so far as to offer a little friendly advice to Vanderbilt ball boy Chris Singleton. After the Gators scored on a bomb, Singleton says Spurrier barked, "You tell (then-VU coach) Woody (Widenhofer) to play his safeties back or we're going to go deep on you all day long."

(For the record, Singleton didn't pass along the message, and Florida beat Vanderbilt 38-7).

Manhardt says that while he and his mates don't get the glory that is bestowed upon players, coaches, or even referees, every ball boy knows deep in his heart just how important he is to the game of college football.

"We work quietly and we may be underappreciated, but without us," he says, "the guys wouldn't have balls."

True enough.

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— Wisconsin ball boy Mike Manhardt

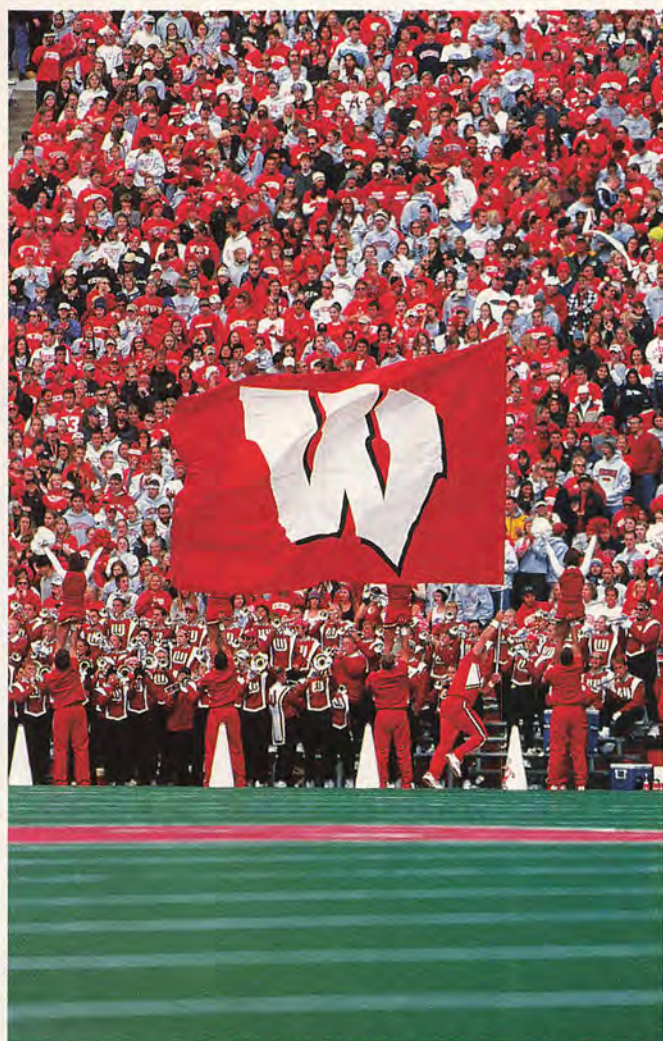
While ball boys at traditional powerhouses like Miami or Florida State or Notre Dame get the opportunity to exude a certain quiet confidence while they patrol opposing sidelines — a winner amidst losers for the most part — when you're a ball boy at a school like perennial cellar-dweller Vanderbilt, it's a completely different story. One long-time ball boy, who asks to remain anonymous, says he once unloaded some of his frustrations on a rival player — literally.

"We were playing Tennessee, and they had this defensive back who kept wandering over toward our sideline — I was running balls on our sideline that game — and he was running his mouth at our guys the whole game," the ball boy says. "He was taunting our guys and he wouldn't shut up. So there's a pass toward our sideline and he comes right past me, and as he turned to run back to the field I elbowed him in the back of the ribs. He was kind of stunned and I could tell he had no idea who had done it. When he got back on the field for the next play, a bunch of our players kind of winked at me."

Unfortunately for the Commodores, the ball boy's cheap shot may have been the best hit anyone in Black and Gold put on a Vol all day — Tennessee won the game 41-0.

Sometimes, the trickery flows in the other direction. Bunker says he was tripped a few times while working the Ohio State sideline.

"If the guys have enough spare time to pick on the ball boys, I figure



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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH



1. NC State
2. Florida State
3. Maryland
4. Virginia
5. Clemson
6. Wake Forest
7. Georgia Tech
8. North Carolina
9. Duke

PRESEASON ALL-ACC

Offense

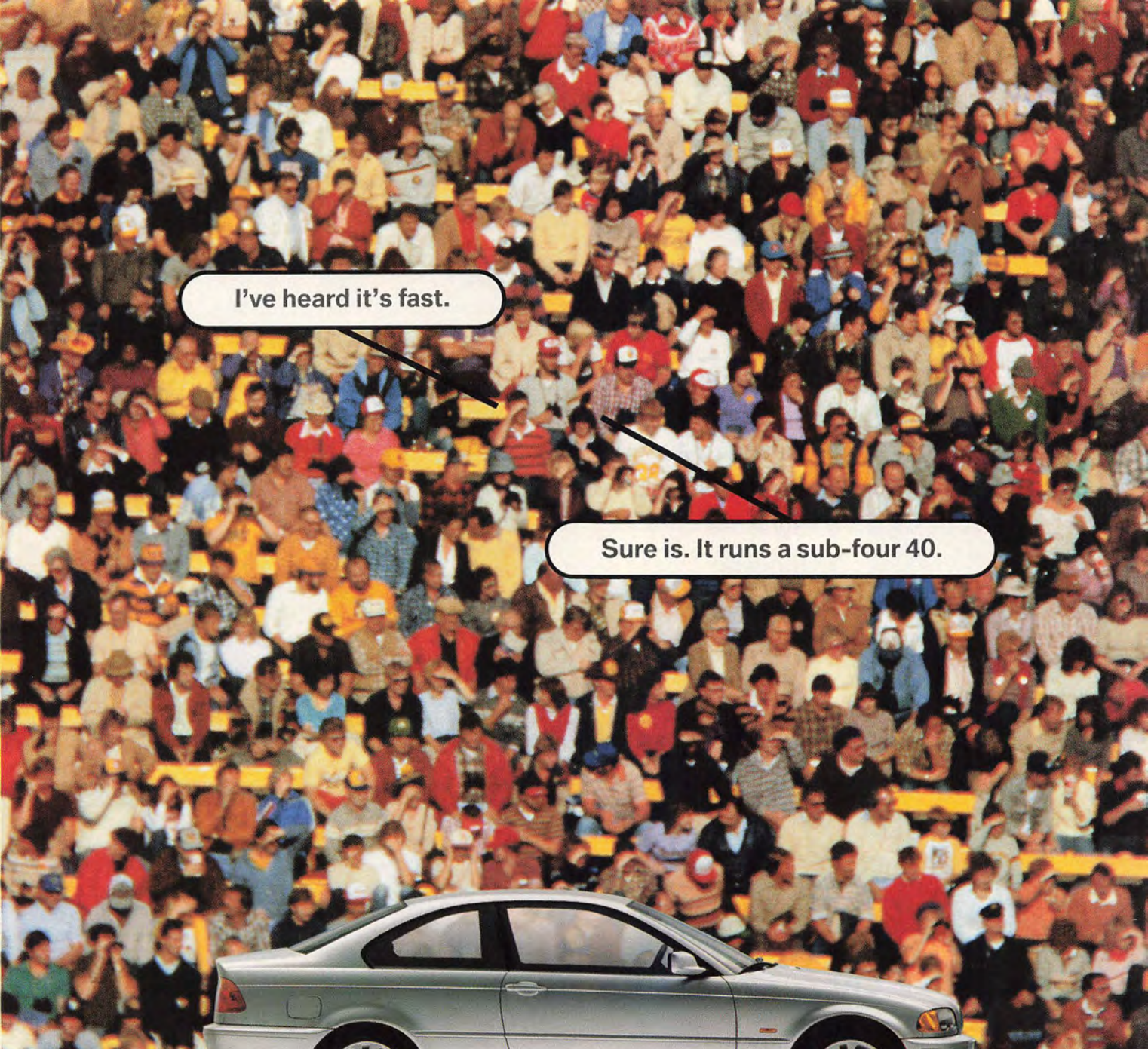
QB	Matt Schaub	6'5"	240	Sr.	Virginia
RB	T.A. McLendon	5'11"	215	So.	NC State
RB	Greg Jones	6'1"	248	Sr.	Florida State
WR	Jerricho Cotchery	6'1"	200	Sr.	NC State
WR	Kevin Youngblood	6'5"	219	Sr.	Clemson
TE	Heath Miller	6'5"	254	So.	Virginia
OL	Hugh Reilly	6'4"	285	Sr.	Georgia Tech
OL	Elton Brown	6'6"	333	Jr.	Virginia
OL	Lamar Bryant	6'3"	308	Sr.	Maryland
OL	Chris Colmer	6'6"	305	Sr.	NC State
OL	Ray Willis	6'6"	295	Jr.	Florida State

Defense

DL	Greg Gathers	6'1"	270	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Kevin Emanuel	6'4"	255	Sr.	Florida State
DL	Randy Starks	6'4"	304	Jr.	Maryland
DL	Matt Zielinski	6'3"	290	Sr.	Duke
LB	Michael Boulware	6'3"	220	Sr.	Florida State
LB	Leon Joe	6'1"	223	Sr.	Maryland
LB	Darryl Blackstock	6'4"	230	So.	Virginia
DB	Justin Miller	5'11"	195	So.	Clemson
DB	Domonique Foxworth	5'11"	173	Jr.	Maryland
DB	Madiou Williams	6'1"	191	Sr.	Maryland
DB	Dexter Reid	6'0"	189	Sr.	North Carolina

Specialists

K	Nick Novak	6'0"	196	Jr.	Maryland
P	Trey McDonald	6'2"	215	Jr.	Duke
KR	Leon Washington	5'9"	190	So.	Florida State
PR	Steve Suter	5'9"	188	Jr.	Maryland



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THE BIG EAST

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Bill Wood

1. Miami
2. Pittsburgh
3. Virginia Tech
4. West Virginia
5. Boston College
6. Syracuse
7. Rutgers
8. Temple

BIG TEN

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH



Ric Fogel

1. Ohio State
2. Michigan
3. Wisconsin
4. Purdue
5. Penn State
6. Minnesota
7. Iowa
8. Illinois
9. Michigan State
10. Indiana
11. Northwestern

PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST

Offense

QB	Rod Rutherford	6'3"	220	Sr.	Pittsburgh
RB	Kevin Jones	6'0"	209	Jr.	Virginia Tech
RB	Frank Gore	5'10"	196	So.	Miami
WR	Larry Fitzgerald	6'3"	210	So.	Pittsburgh
WR	Ernest Wilford	6'4"	221	Sr.	Virginia Tech
TE	Kellen Winslow	6'5"	233	Jr.	Miami
OL	Vernon Carey	6'5"	350	Sr.	Miami
OL	Chris Myers	6'5"	276	Jr.	Miami
OL	Tim Brown	6'5"	295	Sr.	West Virginia
OL	Rob Pettiti	6'6"	330	Jr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Jake Grove	6'3"	300	Sr.	Virginia Tech

Defense

DL	Claude Harriott	6'4"	270	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Louis Gachelin	6'1"	285	Sr.	Syracuse
DL	Vince Wilfork	6'2"	350	Jr.	Miami
DL	Nathaniel Adibi	6'3"	255	Sr.	Virginia Tech
LB	Jonathan Vilma	6'2"	208	Sr.	Miami
LB	Grant Wiley	6'1"	230	Sr.	West Virginia
LB	D.J. Williams	6'2"	247	Sr.	Miami
DB	Antrel Rolle	6'1"	189	Jr.	Miami
DB	Sean Taylor	6'3"	220	Jr.	Miami
DB	DeAngelo Hall	5'11"	198	Jr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Steve Gregory	5'11"	178	So.	Syracuse

Specialists

K	Sandro Sciortino	5'10"	201	Sr.	Boston College
P	Andy Lee	6'2"	205	Sr.	Pittsburgh
KR	Nate Jones	5'10"	180	Sr.	Rutgers
PR	DeAngelo Hall	5'11"	198	Jr.	Virginia Tech

PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN

Offense

QB	Craig Krenzel	6'4"	225	Sr.	Ohio State
RB	Maurice Clarett	6'0"	230	So.	Ohio State
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	194	Jr.	Wisconsin
WR	Braylon Edwards	6'3"	206	Jr.	Michigan
WR	Michael Jenkins	6'5"	215	Sr.	Ohio State
TE	Ben Utecht	6'6"	250	Sr.	Minnesota
OL	Robert Gallery	6'7"	317	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Tony Pape	6'6"	305	Sr.	Michigan
OL	David Baas	6'5"	320	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Shane Olivea	6'5"	310	Sr.	Ohio State
OL	Alex Stepanovich	6'4"	310	Sr.	Ohio State

Defense

DL	Howard Hodges	6'2"	255	Sr.	Iowa
DL	Darrion Scott	6'3"	271	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Will Smith	6'4"	250	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Tim Anderson	6'4"	289	Sr.	Ohio State
LB	Niko Koutouvides	6'3"	237	Sr.	Purdue
LB	Gino Capone	6'2"	238	Sr.	Penn State
LB	Grant Steen	6'3"	242	Sr.	Iowa
DB	Marlin Jackson	6'1"	189	Jr.	Michigan
DB	Chris Gamble	6'2"	180	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Bob Sanders	5'8"	202	Sr.	Iowa
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	180	Jr.	Wisconsin

Specialists

K	Nate Kaeding	6'0"	177	Sr.	Iowa
P	Adam Finley	6'4"	206	Jr.	Michigan
KR	Jason Wright	5'10"	210	Sr.	Northwestern
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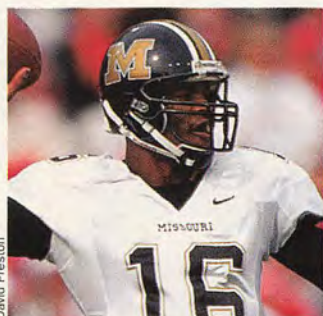
PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

North

1. Kansas State
2. Missouri
3. Colorado
4. Nebraska
5. Iowa State
6. Kansas

South

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Oklahoma State
4. Texas A&M
5. Texas Tech
6. Baylor



David Preston



Layne Murdoch



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH



Courtland Richards

1. Southern Miss
2. TCU
3. South Florida
4. Tulane
5. Memphis
6. Cincinnati
7. Louisville
8. UAB
9. ECU
10. Houston
11. Army

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12

Offense

QB	Brad Smith	6'2"	205	So.	Missouri
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	170	Jr.	Kansas State
RB	Tatum Bell	5'11"	210	Sr.	Oklahoma State
WR	Rashaun Woods	6'2"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma State
WR	Roy Williams	6'4"	210	Sr.	Texas
TE	Thomas Hill	6'5"	260	Sr.	Kansas State
OL	Nick Leckey	6'4"	285	Sr.	Kansas State
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	305	Jr.	Oklahoma
OL	Rob Droege	6'6"	300	Sr.	Missouri
OL	Marwan Hage	6'3"	295	Sr.	Colorado
OL	A.J. Ricker	6'4"	295	Sr.	Missouri

Defense

DL	Tommie Harris	6'4"	280	Jr.	Oklahoma
DL	Andrew Shull	6'5"	260	Sr.	Kansas State
DL	Jordan Carstens	6'5"	303	Sr.	Iowa State
DL	Marques Harris	6'2"	230	Sr.	Colorado
LB	Teddy Lehman	6'2"	241	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	220	Jr.	Texas
LB	James Kinney	6'1"	233	Jr.	Missouri
DB	Brandon Everage	6'0"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Derrick Strait	5'11"	194	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Nathan Vasher	5'11"	180	Sr.	Texas
DB	Ryan Aycock	6'1"	208	Sr.	Texas Tech

Specialists

K	Dusty Mangum	5'11"	170	Jr.	Texas
P	Cody Scates	6'1"	201	Sr.	Texas A&M
KR	Greg Heaggans	6'0"	185	So.	Kansas
PR	Wes Welker	5'9"	190	Sr.	Texas Tech

PRESEASON ALL-C-USA

Offense

QB	Gino Guidugli	6'3"	220	Jr.	Cincinnati
RB	Lonta Hobbs	5'10"	218	So.	TCU
RB	Mewelde Moore	6'1"	203	Sr.	Tulane
WR	Brandon Middleton	5'11"	180	Jr.	Houston
WR	Roydell Williams	6'2"	183	Jr.	Tulane
TE	Ronnie Ghent	6'3"	225	Sr.	Louisville
OL	Kyle Takavitz	6'4"	299	Jr.	Cincinnati
OL	Brian Rimpf	6'6"	314	Sr.	East Carolina
OL	Rex Hadnot	6'1"	310	Sr.	Houston
OL	Derrick Sarosi	6'6"	295	Jr.	South Florida
OL	Andy Galloway	6'3"	310	Jr.	UAB

Defense

DL	Bo Schobel	6'5"	268	Sr.	TCU
DL	Terrell Paul	6'3"	241	Sr.	Southern Miss
DL	Trent Cole	6'4"	227	Jr.	Cincinnati
DL	Chad Pugh	6'3"	314	Sr.	TCU
LB	Rod Davis	6'3"	245	Sr.	Southern Miss
LB	Michael Boley	6'3"	218	Jr.	Southern Miss
LB	Zac Woodfin	6'2"	235	Jr.	UAB
DB	Etric Pruitt	6'1"	196	Sr.	Southern Miss
DB	O.C. Collins	6'0"	175	So.	Memphis
DB	J.R. Reed	5'11"	200	Sr.	South Florida
DB	Zach Norton	6'0"	184	Sr.	Cincinnati

Specialists

K	Nick Browne	5'10"	172	Sr.	TCU
P	Jimmy McClary	6'6"	220	Sr.	Houston
PR	Marvin Young	6'0"	185	Jr.	Southern Miss
KR	Broderick Clark	6'0"	191	So.	Louisville



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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH



Toledo SID

East

1. UCF
2. Miami
3. Marshall
4. Akron
5. Ohio
6. Kent State
7. Buffalo

West

1. Toledo
2. Northern Illinois
3. Western Michigan
4. Bowling Green
5. Central Michigan
6. Ball State
7. Eastern Michigan

PRESEASON ALL-MAC

Offense

QB	Ben Roethlisberger	6'5"	242	Jr.	Miami
RB	Michael Turner	6'0"	223	Sr.	No. Illinois
RB	Michael Haynes	5'11"	210	Jr.	UCF
WR	Darius Watts	6'2"	181	Sr.	Marshall
WR	Jose Davis	6'1"	185	Jr.	Marshall
TE	Andrew Clarke	6'4"	243	Jr.	Toledo
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'5"	320	Jr.	Toledo
OL	Todd Ghilani	6'4"	295	Sr.	No. Illinois
OL	Nate McPeck	6'4"	317	Sr.	Marshall
OL	Erik Faasen	6'8"	345	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Steve Smith	6'3"	285	Sr.	Kent State

Defense

DL	DeMarcus Johnson	6'4"	295	Sr.	UCF
DL	Toriano Brown	6'0"	275	Sr.	Marshall
DL	Jamus Martin	6'2"	224	Jr.	Marshall
DL	Jason Babin	6'4"	265	Jr.	W. Michigan
LB	Nick Duffy	6'2"	232	Sr.	No. Illinois
LB	Chad Mascoe	6'3"	255	Sr.	UCF
LB	Lorenzo Scott	6'2"	210	Sr.	Ball State
DB	Randee Drew	5'8"	185	Sr.	No. Illinois
DB	Atari Bigby	5'11"	215	Jr.	UCF
DB	Janssen Patton	6'0"	180	Sr.	Bowling Green
DB	Akil Grant	5'11"	186	Sr.	No. Illinois

Specialists

K	Jared Parseghian	5'10"	194	Jr.	Miami
P	David Rysko	5'11"	193	Sr.	E. Michigan
KR	Matt Carter	5'9"	182	Sr.	Akron
PR	Dan Sheldon	5'11"	175	Jr.	No. Illinois

Mountain West

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Colorado State | 5. UNLV |
| 2. New Mexico | 6. Utah |
| 3. BYU | 7. Wyoming |
| 4. Air Force | 8. San Diego State |



Tim Jackson

PRESEASON ALL-MWC

Offense

QB	Bradlee Van Pelt	6'2"	225	Sr.	Colorado State
RB	DonTrell Moore	5'11"	211	So.	New Mexico
RB	Marty Johnson	5'11"	230	Sr.	Utah
WR	Earvin Johnson	6'3"	200	Jr.	UNLV
WR	Jovon Bouknight	6'1"	181	So.	Wyoming
TE	Joel Dreessen	6'4"	253	Jr.	Colorado State
OL	Claude Terrell	6'3"	330	Jr.	New Mexico
OL	Jason Lenzmeier	6'5"	312	Sr.	New Mexico
OL	Jesse Underbakke	6'3"	290	Sr.	Air Force
OL	Scott Jackson	6'5"	300	Sr.	BYU
OL	Mark Dreyer	6'4"	281	Sr.	Colorado State

Defense

DL	Daniel Kegler	6'3"	260	Sr.	New Mexico
DL	D.J. Renteria	6'3"	274	Sr.	New Mexico
DL	Jason Kaufusi	6'3"	250	Sr.	Utah
DL	Brady Poppinga	6'3"	260	Jr.	BYU
LB	Kirk Morrison	6'2"	240	Jr.	San Diego State
LB	Adam Seward	6'2"	250	Jr.	UNLV
LB	Eric Pauly	6'4"	223	Sr.	Colorado State
DB	Jamaal Brimmer	6'1"	205	Jr.	UNLV
DB	Brandon Ratcliff	6'0"	200	Sr.	New Mexico
DB	Dave Revill	5'10"	205	Sr.	Utah
DB	Dexter Wynn	5'9"	175	Sr.	Colorado State

Specialists

K	Joey Ashcroft	6'0"	210	Sr.	Air Force
P	Matt Payne	6'4"	240	Jr.	BYU
KR	Bo Nagahi	5'10"	189	Jr.	Utah
PR	Dexter Wynn	5'9"	175	Sr.	Colorado State

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Peter Brouillet

1. USC
2. Washington
3. Oregon State
4. Arizona State
5. UCLA
6. Oregon
7. Washington
8. California
9. Stanford
10. Arizona

PRESEASON ALL-PAC-10

Offense

QB	Cody Pickett	6'4"	215	Sr.	Washington
RB	Steven Jackson	6'3"	229	Jr.	Oregon State
RB	Tyler Ebell	5'9"	171	So.	UCLA
WR	Reggie Williams	6'4"	220	Jr.	Washington
WR	Mike Williams	6'5"	210	So.	USC
WR	James Newson	6'1"	208	Sr.	Oregon State
OL	Eyoseph Efseaff	6'3"	305	Jr.	UCLA
OL	Jacob Rogers	6'6"	305	Sr.	USC
OL	Calvin Armstrong	6'8"	315	Jr.	Wash. State
OL	Dan Weaver	6'5"	282	Sr.	Oregon
OL	Drew Hodgdon	6'3"	285	Jr.	Arizona State

Defense

DL	Kenechi Udeze	6'3"	280	Jr.	USC
DL	Rodney Leisle	6'3"	288	Sr.	UCLA
DL	Haloti Ngata	6'4"	339	So.	Oregon
DL	Mike Patterson	6'2"	285	Jr.	USC
LB	Matt Grootegoed	5'11"	205	Jr.	USC
LB	Richard Seigler	6'3"	239	Sr.	Oregon State
LB	Kevin Mitchell	5'11"	220	Sr.	Oregon
DB	Matt Ware	6'3"	201	Jr.	UCLA
DB	Derrick Johnson	6'0"	185	Jr.	Washington
DB	Keith Lewis	6'1"	200	Sr.	Oregon
DB	Erik Coleman	5'10"	202	Sr.	Wash. State

Specialists

K	Jared Siegel	5'10"	193	Jr.	Oregon
P	Tim Parker	6'0"	192	Sr.	Arizona State
KR	Hakim Hill	6'0"	210	So.	Arizona State
PR	Craig Bragg	6'2"	189	Jr.	UCLA



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH



Steve Woltmann

East

1. Georgia
2. Florida
3. Tennessee
4. Kentucky
5. South Carolina
6. Vanderbilt

West

1. Auburn
2. LSU
3. Alabama
4. Arkansas
5. Ole Miss
6. Mississippi State

PRESEASON ALL-SEC

Offense

QB	David Greene	6'3"	230	Jr.	Georgia
RB	Shaud Williams	5'8"	189	Sr.	Alabama
RB	Ronnie Brown	6'1"	223	Jr.	Auburn
WR	Michael Clayton	6'4"	192	Jr.	LSU
WR	Fred Gibson	6'4"	196	Jr.	Georgia
TE	Ben Watson	6'3"	255	Sr.	Georgia
OL	Shawn Andrews	6'5"	371	Jr.	Arkansas
OL	Wesley Britt	6'8"	312	Jr.	Alabama
OL	Antonio Hall	6'5"	299	Sr.	Kentucky
OL	Stephen Peterman	6'4"	325	Sr.	LSU
OL	Michael Muñoz	6'6"	305	Jr.	Tennessee

Defense

DL	David Pollack	6'3"	278	Jr.	Georgia
DL	Antwan Odom	6'5"	273	Jr.	Alabama
DL	Vincent Burns	6'2"	258	Jr.	Kentucky
DL	Chad Lavalais	6'3"	289	Sr.	LSU
LB	Karlos Dansby	6'5"	235	Sr.	Auburn
LB	Brooks Daniels	6'2"	205	Sr.	Alabama
LB	Tony Bua	5'11"	218	Sr.	Arkansas
DB	Keiwan Ratliff	5'10"	178	Sr.	Florida
DB	Corey Webster	6'0"	197	Sr.	LSU
DB	Rashad Baker	5'11"	185	Sr.	Tennessee
DB	Lawrence Richardson	5'10"	183	Sr.	Arkansas

Specialists

K	Billy Bennett	5'8"	175	Sr.	Georgia
P	Donnie Jones	6'3"	217	Sr.	LSU
KR	Devery Henderson	6'0"	190	Sr.	LSU
PR	Derrick Abney	5'10"	175	Sr.	Kentucky

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North Texas SID

1. North Texas
2. New Mexico State
3. Middle Tennessee
4. Arkansas State
5. UL-Lafayette
6. Idaho
7. Utah State
8. UL-Monroe

PRESEASON ALL-SUN BELT

Offense

QB	Brian Lindgren	6'4"	208	Sr.	Idaho
RB	Patrick Cobbs	5'9"	189	So.	North Texas
RB	Eric Higgins	5'10"	200	Sr.	N.M. State
WR	Fred Stamps	6'0"	176	Sr.	UL-Lafayette
WR	Mack Vincent	5'11"	196	Sr.	UL-Monroe
TE	Josh Joerg	6'4"	237	Sr.	UL-Lafayette
OL	Brandon Westbrook	6'6"	301	Sr.	Middle Tenn.
OL	Nick Zuniga	6'3"	319	Sr.	North Texas
OL	Jake Scott	6'5"	283	Sr.	Idaho
OL	Matt Martinez	6'2"	304	Sr.	Idaho
OL	Julius Gant	6'4"	305	Jr.	Middle Tenn.

Defense

DL	Brandon Kennedy	5'10"	315	Sr.	North Texas
DL	Jon Bradley	6'2"	292	Sr.	Arkansas State
DL	Corey Williams	6'4"	295	Sr.	Arkansas State
DL	Adrian Awasom	6'5"	270	Jr.	North Texas
LB	Taylor Casey	6'3"	215	Sr.	North Texas
LB	Cody Spencer	6'3"	240	Sr.	North Texas
LB	Rich Glover	6'0"	226	Jr.	N.M. State
DB	Craig Jones	6'0"	211	Sr.	North Texas
DB	Jonathan Burke	6'0"	180	Sr.	Arkansas State
DB	Chris Harris	6'1"	200	Jr.	UL-Monroe
DB	Jonas Buckles	5'11"	213	Jr.	North Texas

Specialists

K	Dario Aguiniga	5'11"	192	Sr.	N.M. State
P	Robert Billings	6'0"	200	Sr.	Middle Tenn.
KR	Ja'Mel Branch	5'7"	170	Jr.	North Texas
PR	Cedric Thompson	5'8"	175	Sr.	Idaho



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH



Tom Treick

1. Fresno State
2. Boise State
3. Hawaii
4. San Jose State
5. Nevada
6. Louisiana Tech
7. SMU
8. Rice
9. UTEP
10. Tulsa

PRESEASON ALL-WAC

Offense

QB	Ryan Dinwiddie	6'1"	189	Sr.	Boise State
RB	Rodney Davis	5'8"	210	Sr.	Fresno State
RB	Keylon Kincade	5'11"	210	Sr.	SMU
WR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State
WR	Chad Owens	5'9"	177	Jr.	Hawaii
WR	Marque Davis	6'0"	190	Sr.	Fresno State
OL	Logan Mankins	6'4"	305	Jr.	Fresno State
OL	Daryn Colledge	6'5"	288	So.	Boise State
OL	Trey Darilek	6'6"	300	Sr.	UTEP
OL	Joseph Hayes	6'5"	310	Sr.	San Jose State
OL	Harvey Dahl	6'5"	280	Jr.	Nevada

Defense

DL	Jorge Cordova	6'2"	250	Sr.	Nevada
DL	Isaac Sopoaga	6'3"	315	Sr.	Hawaii
DL	Philip Perry	6'2"	254	Sr.	San Jose State
LB	Bryce McGill	5'11"	210	Sr.	Fresno State
LB	Andy Avalos	5'10"	213	Jr.	Boise State
LB	Jeff Vanover	5'11"	210	Sr.	Rice
LB	Logan Carter	6'3"	215	So.	Nevada
DB	Hyrum Peters	5'8"	188	Sr.	Hawaii
DB	Gerald Jones	6'0"	196	Sr.	San Jose State
DB	Gabe Franklin	5'10"	176	Jr.	Boise State
DB	James Sanders	5'11"	200	So.	Fresno State

Specialists

K	Josh Scobee	6'2"	186	Sr.	Louisiana Tech
P	Derek Jones	6'3"	234	Sr.	Nevada
KR	Chad Owens	5'9"	177	Jr.	Hawaii
PR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State

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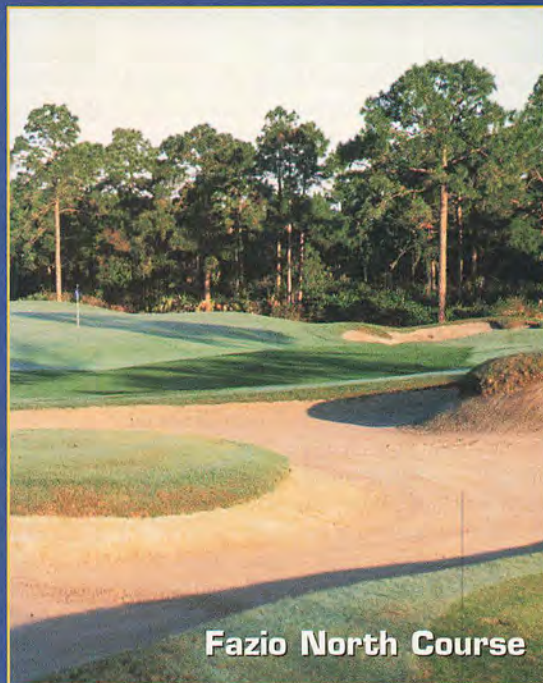
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Oklahoma

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Offense

Contrary to popular opinion, Oklahoma's offense wasn't a problem in 2002. Led by record-setting tailback Quentin Griffin, the Sooners finally found an effective running game, which took pressure off quarterback Nate Hybl.

Though both are gone, along with three of the top four receivers, the Sooner offense should again be potent. That's because Oklahoma finally has an experienced, talented offensive line — in fact, it should easily be the best in Bob Stoops' five years as coach.

The race at quarterback was pared from four players to two during spring. Jason White, the injury-prone senior, will battle Brent Rawls, a highly touted sophomore, in August. If not for two ACL injuries — one to each knee, in 2001 and 2002 — White would be the undisputed starter. But coaches are wary of his health, and like what they've seen from Rawls.

At tailback, sophomore Kejuan Jones (613 yards, 14 touchdowns in 2002) and senior Renaldo Works (152 yards, 2 touchdowns) will battle, and could share time. Jones emerged in 2002 as OU's short-yardage back; Works didn't get many opportunities, but his two catch-and-runs accounted for 62 yards in the winning drive as Oklahoma rallied late to beat Alabama.

Though the Sooners lost Antwone Savage, Curtis Fagan and tight end Trent Smith, all among the top four receivers in school history, the replacements appear more than capable.

Defense

A year ago, coaches felt the defense was a year away from being, as Stoops puts it, "special." With 10 starters back, the designation could fit.

36 Oklahoma has 36 wins in the last three seasons, the most in school history. The last time Oklahoma had back-to-back 10-win seasons was 1985-87.

Led by All-Americans Tommie Harris and Teddy Lehman, the unit is talented and deep. Add talented junior-college transfer Donte Nicholson to the mix at strong safety and OU appears stout.

Harris anchors a deep line that's finally healthy and shouldn't be hurt much by the early departure of end Jimmy Wilkerson. Ends Jonathan Jackson and Dan Cody should take up the slack.

Lehman and Lance Mitchell might form the best 1-2 punch at linebacker in college football. And despite the loss of cornerback Andre Woolfolk, the Sooners could have a better secondary this season than in 2002.

Specialists

Trey DiCarlo stepped into a void last year as a freshman and set school records, hitting 16-of-22 field-goal attempts. He's back and has a stronger leg. Blake Ferguson was inconsistent while averaging 38.5 yards per punt; he'll be challenged by incoming freshman Cody Freeby.

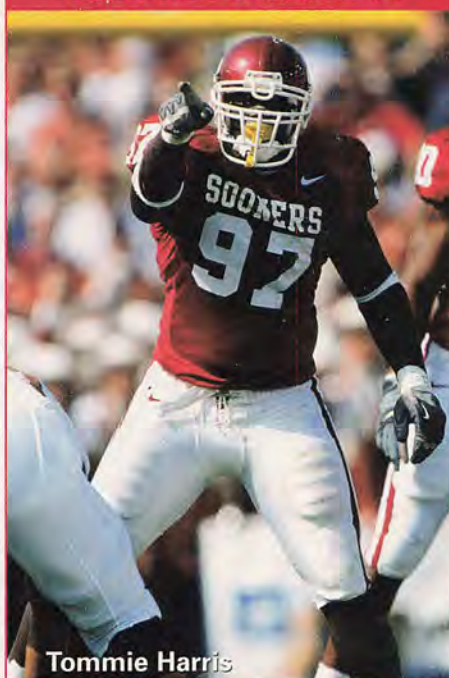
Returning punts isn't a problem. Antonio Perkins averaged 15.0 yards per return and took back three for touchdowns last season.

Final Analysis

In a switch, the Sooners missed out on the Fiesta Bowl last year because of defensive lapses. Led by a resurgent ground game, Oklahoma's offense was productive. And despite the departures of Griffin and Hybl, the offense should again be potent. That's because the offensive line should be the best in Stoops' five years.

For the most part, the Sooner defense lived up to expectations in 2002. But in two losses, opponents baffled the secondary with long passes. The Sooners are confident those were aberrations, but they've spent plenty of time studying film from losses to Oklahoma State and Texas A&M. After losing only two starters, the Sooner defense should be better than last season's, making OU the frontrunner for the national title.

Big 12 South Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #1



Tommie Harris

Layne Murdoch

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 9 Mark Clayton (Jr.)	4 Travis Wilson (So.)
WR 81 Brandon Jones (Jr.)	26 Ataleo Ford (Jr.)
WR 29 Will Peoples (Jr.)	3 Jejuan Rankins (So.)
LT 60 Wes Sims (Jr.)	59 Brett Rayl (So.)
LG 70 Kelvin Chaisson (So.)	65 Abner Estrada (So.)
C 50 Vince Carter (Jr.)	52 Chris Bush (So.)
RG 77 Davin Joseph (So.)	52 Chris Bush (So.)
RT 55 Jammal Brown (Jr.)	79 Chris Messner (Fr.)
TE 86 Lance Donley (Sr.)	Willie Roberts (So.)
QB 18 Jason White (Sr.)	15 Brent Rawls (So.)
TB 20 Kejuan Jones (So.)	47 Renaldo Works (Sr.)
FB* 38 J.D. Runnels (So.)	89 James Moses (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE 49 Jonathan Jackson (Jr.)	98 Larry Birdine (Fr.)
DT 93 Kory Klein (Sr.)	96 Lynn McGruder (Jr.)
DT 97 Tommie Harris (Jr.)	94 Dusty Dvoracek (Jr.)
DE 80 Dan Cody (Jr.)	58 Calvin Thibodeaux (So.)
LB 11 Teddy Lehman (Sr.)	48 Gayron Allen (Jr.)
LB 10 Lance Mitchell (Sr.)	15 Wayne Chambers (So.)
LB 53 Pasha Jackson (Sr.)	36 Russell Dennison (So.)
CB 2 Derrick Strait (Sr.)	21 Jowahn Poteat (So.)
CB 28 Antonio Perkins (Jr.)	1 Mark Bradley (Jr.)
SS Donte Nicholson (Jr.)	13 Eric Bassey (So.)
FS 7 Brandon Everage (Sr.)	23 Brodney Pool (So.)

Special Teams

K 83 Trey DiCarlo (So.)
P 87 Blake Ferguson (Jr.)
PR 28 Antonio Perkins (Jr.)
KR 28 Antonio Perkins (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jason White, 20-34-181-2, 1 TD
Rushing: Kejuan Jones, 165 car., 613 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving: Will Peoples, 39 rec., 571 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Lance Mitchell, 124, 87 solo
Sacks: Jonathan Jackson, 6
Interceptions: Brandon Everage, 6 for 107 yds., Derrick Strait, 6 for 175 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 North Texas	W
S. 6 at Alabama	W
S. 13 Fresno State	W
S. 20 UCLA	W
O. 4 at Iowa State	W
O. 11 #Texas	*
O. 18 Missouri	W
O. 25 at Colorado	W
N. 1 Okla. State	W
N. 8 Texas A&M	W
N. 15 Baylor	W
N. 22 at Texas Tech	W
#Dallas, TX	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 30 at Tulsa	W 37-0
S. 7 Alabama	W 37-27
S. 14 UTEP	W 68-0
S. 28 South Florida	W 31-14
O. 5 at Missouri	W 31-24
O. 12 Texas	W 35-24
O. 19 Iowa State	W 49-3
N. 2 Colorado	W 27-11
N. 9 at Texas A&M	L 26-30
N. 16 at Baylor	W 49-9
N. 23 Texas Tech	W 60-15
N. 30 at Okla. State	L 28-38
D. 7 Colorado	W 29-7
J. 1 #Wash. State	W 34-14
#Rose Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.6 ppg	5
Rushing	190.6 ypg	32
Passing	202.0 ypg	68
Total	392.6 ypg	37
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.4 ppg	6
Rushing	107.9 ypg	14
Passing	185.3 ypg	25
Total	293.1 ypg	10
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+19	+1.36	7

Head Coach: Bob Stoops

2002 Record (Big 12): 12-2 (6-2)

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Miami hurricanes

Offense

If Miami hopes to return to the national championship game for the third straight season, it must fill some large holes on offense. The biggest void may be at quarterback, where Brock Berlin, who transferred from Florida last year, is the frontrunner for the starting job over Derrick Crudup, the Hurricanes' backup for two seasons. Berlin or Crudup will have the advantage of throwing to Kellen Winslow, the nation's best tight end.

Frank Gore, out all of last season after injuring his knee, returns as the starting tailback. As a freshman in 2001, Gore averaged 9.1 yards per carry and appeared destined to become the school's next outstanding runner. Judging by Gore's performance in spring practice, the injury hasn't caused him to miss a beat.

Miami has some questions at wide receiver. Kevin Beard is a returning starter but is trying to bounce back from major knee surgery. Jason Geathers, who combines good size and speed but lacks experience, could win a starting job. The diminutive Roscoe Parrish may turn out to be the offense's big-play man.

The offensive line returns three starters — Vernon Carey, Carlos Joseph and Chris Myers. Transplanted tight end Eric Winston finished spring practice as the starting left tackle. Winston's switch caused a domino effect along the rest of the offensive line — Joseph moved to right tackle and Carey, the right tackle last season, moved inside to right guard.

Defense

The Hurricanes are set at linebacker and in the secondary where all seven starters return. It's the defensive line that is cause for concern.

9.5 Opponents managed 9.5 yards per completion against Miami last year, tying an NCAA single-season record.

Miami must replace its four top ends. John Square and Thomas Carroll own the most experience and will get first shot at jobs, but both are undersized. The circumstances are better at tackle where the massive and disruptive Vince Wilfork has inherited one starting spot and Santonio Thomas the other.

Miami returns every member of a defensive backfield that led the nation in pass defense. Safety Sean Taylor, a headhunter with tremendous athletic ability, is the best of the bunch. Depth is excellent everywhere, especially at cornerback. Opponents will pass at their own risk against this group.

Jon Vilma, a three-year starter at middle linebacker, returns along with D.J. Williams on the weak side and Roger McIntosh at strong-side linebacker. Williams' play has yet to match the enormous hype he brought to Miami four years ago.

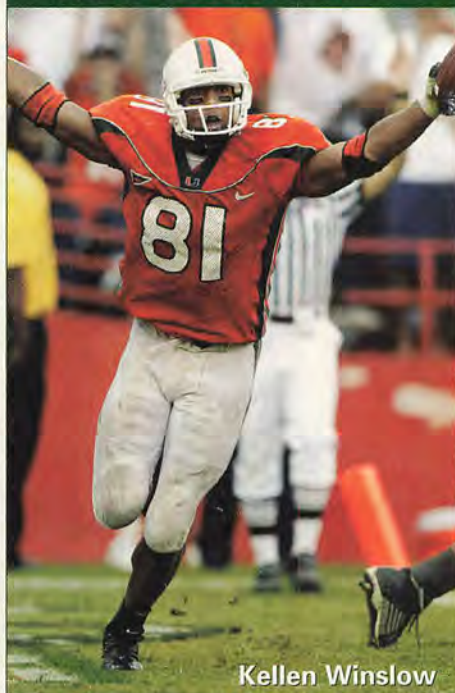
Specialists

First the good: Parrish averaged 14.5 yards on 27 punt returns and is a touchdown waiting to happen anytime he runs back a kick. Now the bad: Miami must find a kicker between Mark Gent or Jon Peattie, who have virtually no experience. The punter's job is also vacant.

Final Analysis

Miami is going to be good. The only question appears to be, how good? Although the Hurricanes must replace 12 starters, plenty of talent remains. The offense may not score as many points as it did last season, but it should remain potent. There are a couple of uncertainties on defense, although not enough to keep the unit from ranking among the nation's best. The schedule could be difficult, particularly if Florida and Tennessee regain their form. The biggest question for the Hurricanes may be how they handle the bitter Fiesta Bowl defeat to Ohio State. Will Miami suffer a hangover or is it ready to stage another run at a national title?

Big East Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #2



Kellen Winslow

Allen Koe

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

FL	9 Kevin Beard (Sr.)	1 Roscoe Parrish (So.)
SE	3 Jason Geathers (Sr.)	80 Akiem Jolla (So.)
LT	74 Eric Winston (So.)	64 Rashad Butler (So.)
LG	67 Joe McGrath (Sr.)	79 Robert Bergman (So.)
C	77 Chris Myers (Jr.)	70 Joel Rodriguez (Jr.)
RG	60 Vernon Carey (Sr.)	63 Alex Pou (Fr.)
RT	76 Carlos Joseph (Sr.)	61 Tony Tella (So.)
TE	81 Kellen Winslow (Jr.)	84 Kevin Everett (Jr.)
QB	7 Brock Berlin (Jr.)	18 Derrick Crudup (Jr.)
FB	23 Quadtrine Hill (So.)	41 Talib Humphrey (Sr.)
TB	32 Frank Gore (So.)	34 Jarrett Payton (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE	93 John Square (Jr.)	94 John Wood (Fr.)
DT	75 Vince Wilfork (Jr.)	97 Larry Anderson (Sr.)
DT	56 Santonio Thomas (Jr.)	92 Orien Harris (So.)
DE	90 Thomas Carroll (So.)	98 Baraka Atkins (Fr.)
WLB	17 D.J. Williams (Sr.)	49 Darrell McClover (Sr.)
MLB	51 Jonathan Vilma (Sr.)	44 Leon Williams (So.)
SLB	50 Roger McIntosh (So.)	58 Jarrell Weaver (Sr.)
CB	6 Antrel Rolle (Jr.)	31 Glenn Sharpe (So.)
CB	22 Kelly Jennings (So.)	25 Alfonso Marshall (Sr.)
FS	26 Sean Taylor (Jr.)	19 Brandon Meriweather (Fr.)
SS	36 Maurice Sikes (Sr.)	28 Greg Threat (So.)

Special Teams

K	33 Mark Gent (So.)
P	39 Jon Peattie (Fr.)
PR	1 Roscoe Parrish (So.)
KR	3 Jason Geathers (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Derrick Crudup, 15-26-226-0, 2 TDs
Rushing:	Jason Geathers, 68 car., 398 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Kellen Winslow, 57 rec., 726 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles:	Jonathan Vilma, 133, 75 solo
Sacks:	Vince Wilfork, 7
Interceptions:	Sean Taylor, 4 for 122 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Louisiana Tech	W
S. 6	Florida	W
S. 13	East Carolina	W
S. 20	at Boston College	W
O. 2	West Virginia	W
O. 11	at Florida State	W
O. 18	Temple	W
N. 1	at Virginia Tech	*
N. 8	Tennessee	W
N. 15	Syracuse	W
N. 22	Rutgers	W
N. 29	at Pittsburgh	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Florida A&M	W	63-17
S. 7	at Florida	W	41-16
S. 14	at Temple	W	44-21
S. 21	Boston College	W	38-6
O. 5	Connecticut	W	48-14
O. 12	Florida State	W	28-27
O. 26	at W. Virginia	W	40-23
N. 2	at Rutgers	W	42-17
N. 9	at Tennessee	W	26-3
N. 21	Pittsburgh	W	28-21
N. 30	at Syracuse	W	49-7
D. 7	Virginia Tech	W	56-45
J. 3	#Ohio State	L	24-31
	#Fiesta Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	40.5 ppg	4
Rushing	181.6 ypg	40
Passing	284.2 ypg	16
Total	465.9 ypg	6
Defense		
Scoring	19.1 ppg	22
Rushing	165.3 ypg	72
Passing	119.7 ypg	1
Total	285.0 ypg	7
TO Margin		
	-1	-08
		67

Head Coach: Larry Coker

2002 Record (Big East): 12-1 (7-0)

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Ohio State

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Offense

It's not often that a team can return all 11 starters on offense, especially when that team is coming off a national championship. Yet that's the situation before the Buckeyes, who would like to improve their offensive efficiency and put a few more points on the board.

Coach Jim Tressel wants the offense to get to where it was in 1998, which is a pretty lofty goal. He said the aim is to put up 40 points, 250 yards passing and 200 rushing per game. The latter alone would be a good omen considering the Buckeyes have won 96 percent of their games over the last 12 years when they rush for 200 yards.

They have the horse in tailback Maurice Clarett, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate. He'll take a ton of handoffs from quarterback Craig Krenzel and work behind a veteran, powerful offensive line.

The passing game will feature receiver Michael Jenkins, who amassed a 1,000-yard season last year. Krenzel also can dial up Chris Gamble and emerging threats such as Drew Carter and Santonio Holmes. The Buckeyes also would be wise to make use of sure-handed tight end Ben Hartssock.

Defense

Coordinator Mark Dantonio will again employ zone blitzing and multiple looks out of his 4-3 alignment. He's got the ideal personnel up front with strength, quickness and versatility on the outside in the names of Will Smith, Darrion Scott and Simon Fraser. Scott also will play inside quite a bit, where he'll line up next to All-Big Ten candidate Tim Anderson.

Linebacker is a preseason concern as Matt Wilhelm and Cie Grant will be hard to replace.

5 The OSU defense allowed just five rushing touchdowns in 14 games last year.

However, sophomores Mike D'Andrea and A.J. Hawk could become stars in their own right if they continue to improve.

The secondary will be tested early and often with safeties Mike Doss and Donnie Nickey no longer providing the last line of defense and pass-happy teams such as Washington, NC State and Northwestern making early-season visits. Still, corners Gamble and Dustin Fox are no pushovers.

Specialists

Mike Nugent is back after drilling 25-of-28 field goals and blasting several touchbacks on kickoffs. He could be ready for another All-America-type season or could regress if he misses Andy Groom as his holder. Groom had a golden toe of his own with a 45-yard average and perfect placement on most of his punts. B.J. Sander, a left-footed boomer, takes over his very important dual role.

Final Analysis

The development of a more explosive offense is a must. Ohio State will have to take advantage of its wealth at receiver by evolving the passing game while still relying on its power-rushing game. Meanwhile, the defense will need to get a stellar effort up front, especially early on as new linebackers and defensive backs get used to their roles.

Last year, the Buckeyes defeated Penn State, Wisconsin and Michigan in the same season for the first time since the Big Ten expanded to 11 teams. Returning to the BCS title game very likely will require yet another sweep, and this time all three biggies are on the road. That will be a monumental challenge considering the Buckeyes are going to get everyone's best shot.

"We've got to make sure that we understand that as well we played in 2002 and as well as things happened to go for us, we're going to need to be significantly better in 2003," Tressel says. "That's just reality."

Big Ten Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #3



Maurice Clarett

Depth Chart

Offense (11)

SE 12 Michael Jenkins (Sr.)	8 Drew Carter (Sr.)
FL 7 Chris Gamble (Jr.)	3 Bam Childress (Jr.)
LT 53 Ivan Douglas (Sr.)	77 Rob Sims (So.)
LG 63 Adrien Clarke (Sr.)	66 R.J. Coleman (Fr.)
C 76 Alex Stepanovich (Sr.)	55 Nick Mangold (So.)
RG 78 Bryce Bishop (Sr.)	64 Adam Olds (So.)
RT 71 Shane Olivea (Sr.)	52 Mike Kne (Sr.)
TE 88 Ben Hartssock (Sr.)	80 Ryan Hamby (So.)
QB 16 Craig Krenzel (Sr.)	15 Scott McMullen (Sr.)
TB 13 Maurice Clarett (So.)	30 Lydell Ross (Jr.)
FB 38 Brandon Joe (Jr.)	43 Brandon Schnitker (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 75 Simon Fraser (Jr.)	99 Jay Richardson (Fr.)
DT 56 Darrion Scott (Sr.)	94 Marcus Green (So.)
DT 54 Tim Anderson (Sr.)	90 Quinn Pitcock (Fr.)
DE 93 Will Smith (Sr.)	57 Mike Kudla (So.)
LB 44 Robert Reynolds (Sr.)	42 Bobby Carpenter (So.)
LB 46 Fred Pagac (Sr.)	5 Mike D'Andrea (So.)
LB 47 A.J. Hawk (So.)	91 Jason Bond (Sr.)
CB 37 Dustin Fox (Jr.)	25 E.J. Underwood (So.)
CB 7 Chris Gamble (Jr.)	13 Harlen Jacobs (Jr.)
SS 6 Tyler Everett (So.)	21 Nate Salley (So.)
FS 4 Will Allen (Sr.)	32 Brandon Mitchell (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 85 Mike Nugent (Jr.)
P 21 B.J. Sander (Sr.)
KR 28 Maurice Hall (Jr.)
PR 7 Chris Gamble (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Craig Krenzel, 148-249-2,110-7, 12 TDs
Rushing:	Maurice Clarett, 222 car., 1,237 yds., 16 TDs
Receiving:	Michael Jenkins, 61 rec., 1,076 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Dustin Fox, 84, 67 solo
Sacks:	Darrion Scott, 8.5
Interceptions:	Chris Gamble, 4 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Washington	*
S. 6 San Diego State	W
S. 13 NC State	W
S. 20 Bowling Green	W
S. 27 Northwestern	W
O. 11 at Wisconsin	*
O. 18 Iowa	W
O. 25 at Indiana	W
N. 1 at Penn State	W
N. 8 Michigan State	W
N. 15 Purdue	W
N. 22 at Michigan	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24 Texas Tech	W	45-21
S. 7 Kent State	W	51-17
S. 14 Wash. State	W	25-7
S. 21 at Cincinnati	W	23-19
S. 28 Indiana	W	45-17
O. 5 at Northwestern	W	27-16
O. 12 San Jose State	W	50-7
O. 19 at Wisconsin	W	19-14
O. 26 Penn State	W	13-7
N. 2 Minnesota	W	34-3
N. 9 at Purdue	W	10-6
N. 16 at Illinois	W	23-16
N. 23 Michigan	W	14-9
J. 3 #Miami	W	31-24

#Fiesta Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.3 ppg	41
Rushing	191.3 ypg	31
Passing	173.2 ypg	92
Total	364.5 ypg	70
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	13.1 ppg	2
Rushing	77.7 ypg	3
Passing	243.1 ypg	95
Total	320.9 ypg	23
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+13	+0.93	18

2002 Record (Big Ten): 14-0 (8-0)

Head Coach: Jim Tressel

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Kansas State wildcats

Offense

A majority of the skill players return to an explosive offense that finished second nationally in scoring (44.7) and fifth in rushing (264.5). Dual-threat senior quarterback Ell Roberson and running back Darren Sproles are two of the top three returning scorers in the Big 12 and offer an electrifying one-two punch. "Is there any better?" Sproles says of the Wildcat offense. "I don't think so."

Roberson, the only K-State quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards, has mastered the offense and should top the all-time mark for total offense (5,779), while Sproles, a junior, needs 863 rushing yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher (2,537). Roberson could finish as the winningest quarterback in K-State history, and Sproles enters with a string of nine straight 100-yard games intact.

Senior James Terry has the prototype build (6'5" and 185 pounds) and big-play ability that make him a constant threat. But a largely unproven offensive line, aside from All-Big 12 selection Nick Leckey, must gain chemistry prior to the Big 12 season.

Defense

K-State must replace All-American Terence Newman and linebacker Terry Pierce in order to maintain the same cranium-crunching tenacity that helped the Wildcats lead the nation in scoring defense (11.8). But K-State returns linebackers Josh Buhl and Bryan Hickman, its leading tacklers and emotional leaders, and the unit is stacked with stars-to-be.

"We'll coach them up," Hickman says. "We're not going to settle for anything less than

them doing a good job because this year we want to come out number one."

Senior strong safety Rashad Washington is a hard-hitting, turnover-minded player who has Newman's leadership ability. The defense needs cornerback Randy Jordan (nine career starts) to step up now that he has an expanded role. There is a quartet of talented prospects competing to fill Newman's shoes at the other corner.

Senior end Andrew Shull is the only returning starter on a line that lost 69 career starts, but there's incoming talent in the middle. Jermaine Berry could be a monster at nose tackle.

Specialists

Joe Rheem has limited range, and the Wildcats had the league's third-poorest conversion rate on extra point attempts. Jared Brite did not punt last season, and after averaging 40.7 yards off 18 punts in 2001, he must become a serviceable performer.

Sproles and Evans are the top punt returners. Sproles will head up the kickoff return duties after taking four kickoffs back for 84 yards.

Final Analysis

K-State's depth provides a host of talent across the board that needs to jell during the soft non-conference schedule before embarking on the toughest Big 12 test this season — a trip to Texas. K-State will enter the conference-opener with redemption in mind after the Longhorns barely escaped Manhattan 17-14 last season. For Roberson, a native of Baytown, Texas, it will mark an important first step toward an undefeated season. The Wildcats' eight-game home slate includes just two post-season bowl teams, Marshall and Colorado. A match-up at Nebraska, where K-State hasn't won since 1968, could provide the only potential bump down the stretch.

Snyder is warning his team not to take anything for granted, but Roberson-led K-State has plenty of potential for a memorable year.

Big 12 North Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #4



Ell Roberson

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	5 James Terry (Sr.)	15 Davin Dennis (So.)
WR	9 Derrick Evans (Sr.)	19 John Cooper (Sr.)
LT	79 Jon Doty (Jr.)	Travis Triplett (Jr.)
LG	64 Ryan Lilja (Sr.)	71 Michael Weiner (So.)
C	53 Nick Leckey (Sr.)	67 J. Keaulana-Kamakea (Sr.)
RG	60 Mike Johnson (Jr.)	73 Ben Rettele (Sr.)
RT	66 Jeromey Clary (So.)	54 Peni Holakeitua'i (Jr.)
TE	88 Thomas Hill (Sr.)	80 Travon Magee (Sr.)
QB	3 Ell Roberson (Sr.)	14 Jeff Schwinn (Sr.)
RB	43 Darren Sproles (Jr.)	21 Carlos Alsop (So.)
FB	44 Travis Wilson (Sr.)	42 Victor Mann (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	98 Andrew Shull (Sr.)	93 Scott Edmonds (So.)
DT	91 Jermaine Berry (Jr.)	92 Justin Montgomery (Sr.)
NT	96 Andrew Bulman (Sr.)	Malcolm Wooldridge (Jr.)
DE	94 Thomas Houchin (Sr.)	52 Kevin Huntley (Jr.)
SLB	18 Bryan Hickman (Sr.)	Ben Henderson (Jr.)
MLB	59 Matt Butler (So.)	Marvin Simmons (Jr.)
WLB	7 Josh Buhl (Sr.)	57 Maurice Thurmond (Jr.)
CB	9 Randy Jordan (Sr.)	28 David Rose (Jr.)
CB	20 Louis Lavender (Jr.)	4 Cedrick Williams (Jr.)
FS	23 Jesse Tetuan (So.)	8 James McGill (Sr.)
SS	2 Rashad Washington (Sr.)	31 Marcus Patton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	15 Joe Rheem (Jr.)
P	6 Jared Brite (Sr.)
KR	21 Carlos Alsop (So.)
PR	43 Darren Sproles (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Ell Roberson, 91-175-1,580-4, 7 TDs
Rushing: Darren Sproles, 237 car., 1,465 yds., 17 TDs
Receiving: James Terry, 28 rec., 561 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Josh Buhl, 135, 77 solo
Sacks: Andrew Shull, 10
Interceptions: Bryan Hickman, 3 for 19 yds., Randy Jordan, 3 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

6 *Kansas State, which finished second in total defense in 2002, is the only Division I-A school to rank among the top five in total defense in each of the past six seasons.*

2003 Schedule

A. 23	#California	W
A. 30	Troy State	W
S. 6	McNeese State	W
S. 13	Massachusetts	W
S. 20	Marshall	W
O. 4	at Texas	*
O. 11	at Oklahoma State	W
O. 18	Colorado	W
O. 25	Kansas	W
N. 1	Baylor	W
N. 8	at Iowa State	W
N. 15	at Nebraska	W
N. 22	Missouri	W

*BCA Classic, Kansas City, Mo.

*Games in **bold** represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Western Kentucky	W	48-3
S. 7	UL-Monroe	W	68-0
S. 14	Eastern Illinois	W	63-13
S. 21	USC	W	27-20
O. 5	at Colorado	L	31-35
O. 12	Oklahoma State	W	44-9
O. 19	Texas	L	14-17
O. 26	at Baylor	W	44-10
N. 2	at Kansas	W	64-0
N. 9	Iowa State	W	58-7
N. 16	Nebraska	W	49-13
N. 23	at Missouri	W	38-0
D. 27	#Arizona State	W	34-27

#Holiday Bowl

2002 National Rankings

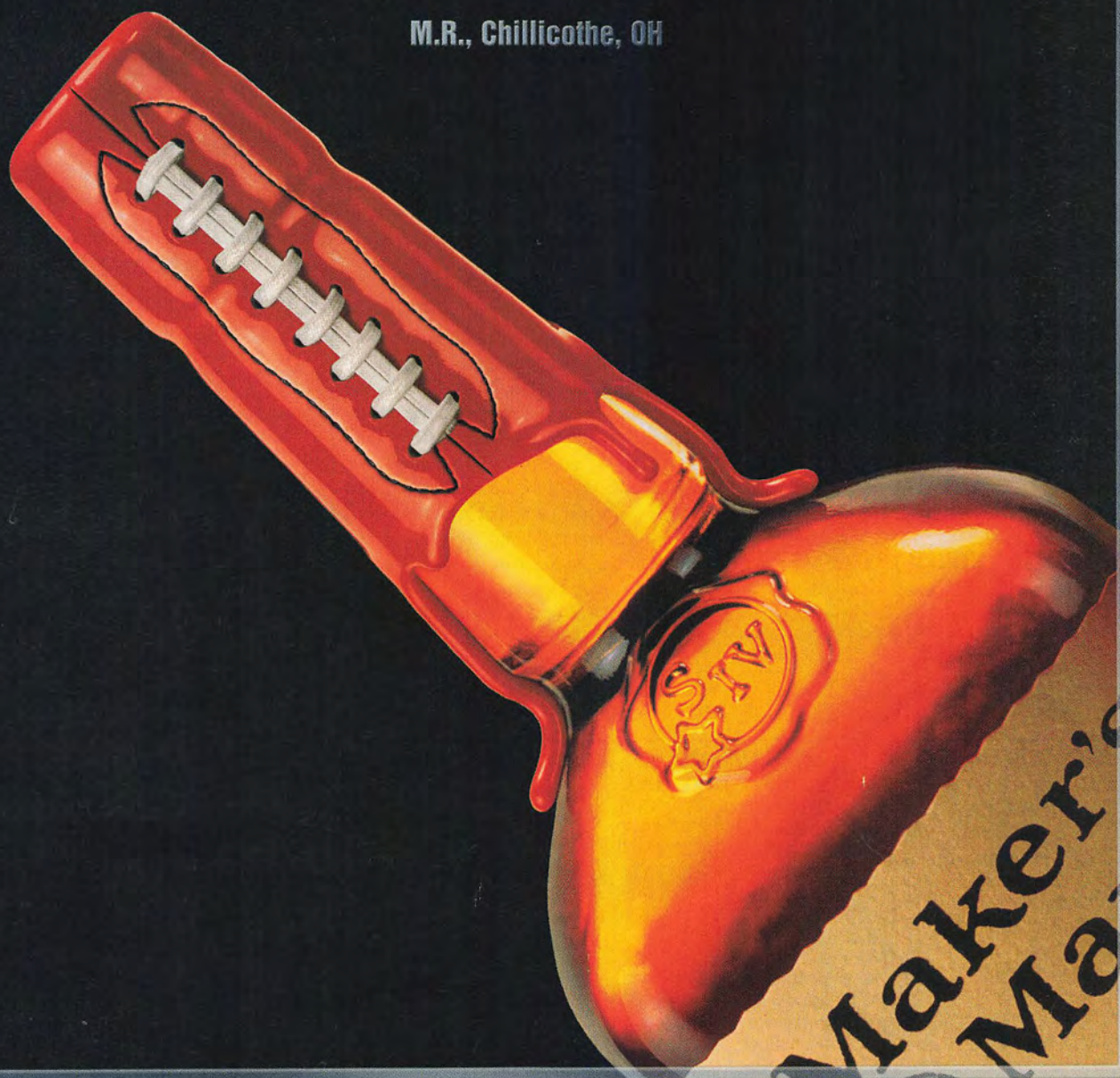
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	44.8 ppg	2
Rushing	264.1 ypg	5
Passing	158.9 ypg	100
Total	423.0 ypg	15
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	11.8 ppg	1
Rushing	69.5 ypg	2
Passing	179.5 ypg	20
Total	249.0 ypg	2
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	22

Head Coach: Bill Snyder

2002 Record (Big 12): 11-2 (6-2)

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Auburn tigers

Offense

The first option is running the football, and that is not meant as a slight to Auburn quarterback Jason Campbell. Actually, Campbell blossomed into a pretty good quarterback by the end of last season. But when you have a backfield that includes four outstanding tailbacks, why not take a run-first attitude?

Carnell Williams is one of the top running backs in the country when healthy. Unfortunately, he missed a good chunk of the 2002 season with a leg injury. Auburn simply inserted Ronnie Brown into the lineup, and he carried the offense until an injury forced him to the sideline heading into the Alabama game. That's when Tre Smith burst onto the college scene.

All three of those guys are back this season, and Tommy Tuberville added 6'4", 257-pound bruiser Brandon Jacobs to the mix.

Blocking for those guys will be fullback Brandon Johnson and a very good line led by tackle Marcus McNeill and center Danny Lindsey. Ben Obomanu and Devin Aromashodu are big playmakers at wide receiver, and Cooper Wallace and Anthony Mix provide good hands at tight end.

Defense

Auburn has few holes in the front seven but could be vulnerable against the pass. Of course, if the front seven provides enough pressure, then covering the pass will be much easier.

Defensive ends Reggie Torbor and Jay Ratliff should provide pressure on the corner, and DeMarco McNeil and Spencer Johnson are run-stuffing tackles. The linebackers are as deep and talented as any in the conference, provided Dontarrious Thomas makes a smooth transi-

tion inside from outside linebacker.

Outside 'backer Karlos Dansby chose to finish his college eligibility instead of entering the NFL draft and should be one of the best defenders in the country. Travis Williams was a spring practice star and should stay ahead of a crowded field to start alongside Thomas and Dansby. Lemarcus Rowell will back up Thomas at middle linebacker and should be a future star.

Carlos Rogers is an All-SEC caliber cornerback, and Junior Rosegreen, who switched from safety to cornerback in the spring, will make plays wherever he lines up. Filling the other spots is a priority.

Specialists

Philip Yost needs to be more consistent to give the Tigers a legitimate threat at placekicker. Yost took over for Damon Duval at one point last season but lost his job after just two games. Tommy Tuberville was pleased with the progression of punter Michael Gibson during spring practice. A pair of true freshmen — kicker John Vaughn and punter Kody Bliss — could push for playing time.

Final Analysis

Expectations have reached a level not seen since Tuberville stepped on campus. Some are predicting an SEC championship. Others forecast something even better. Tuberville likes the sound of that. "Now is a time we can start saying that we should be a top 10 team every year," Tuberville says. "If we play like we should, we have a chance to maybe be even better than that." Being better than that means Auburn moves the ball on the ground, preferably with a healthy Carnell Williams in the mix, and the athletic defense makes plays.

USC, Tennessee and Alabama all come to Auburn, which is favorable, but the Tigers have to travel to LSU and Georgia. Win those and Auburn could be traveling to Atlanta for the SEC Championship Game.

21 The Auburn defense intercepted 21 passes last season. No team in the SEC was better in that category.

2003 Schedule		
A. 30 USC	*	
S. 6 at Georgia Tech	W	
S. 13 at Vanderbilt	W	
S. 27 Western Kentucky	W	
O. 4 Tennessee	W	
O. 11 at Arkansas	W	
O. 18 Miss. State	W	
O. 25 at LSU	W	
N. 1 UL-Monroe	W	
N. 8 Ole Miss	W	
N. 15 at Georgia	*	
N. 22 Alabama	W	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results		
S. 2 at USC	L	17-24
S. 7 Western Carolina	W	56-0
S. 14 Vanderbilt	W	31-6
S. 19 at Miss. State	W	42-14
S. 28 Syracuse	W	37-34
O. 12 Arkansas	L	17-38
O. 19 at Florida	L	23-30
O. 26 LSU	W	31-7
N. 2 at Ole Miss	W	31-24
N. 9 UL-Monroe	W	52-14
N. 16 Georgia	L	21-24
N. 23 at Alabama	W	17-7
J. 1 #Penn State	W	13-9

#Capital One Bowl

2002 National Rankings		
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.9 ppg	38
Rushing	203.7 ypg	25
Passing	183.8 ypg	81
Total	387.5 ypg	44
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.8 ppg	13
Rushing	141.7 ypg	46
Passing	186.5 ypg	26
Total	328.2 ypg	26
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	22

Head Coach: Tommy Tuberville

2002 Record (SEC): 9-4 (5-3)

SEC West Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #5



Dontarrious Thomas

Steve Woltmann

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 1 Devin Aromashodu (So.)	86 Courtney Taylor (Fr.)
WR 81 Jeris McIntyre (Sr.)	28 Justin Fetsko (Sr.)
WR* 2 Ben Obomanu (So.)	85 Silas Daniels (Jr.)
LT 69 Mark Pera (Sr.)	74 Steven Ross (So.)
LG 66 Troy Reddick (So.)	79 Jonathan Palmer (Fr.)
C 68 Danny Lindsey (Jr.)	67 Jeremy Ingle (Jr.)
RG 65 Monreko Crittenden (Sr.)	61 Thomas Anderson (Jr.)
RT 73 Marcus McNeill (So.)	72 Taylor Bourgeois (So.)
TE 8 Cooper Wallace (So.)	89 Anthony Mix (So.)
QB 17 Jason Campbell (Jr.)	13 Josh Sullivan (Fr.)
FB 45 Brandon Johnson (Sr.)	22 Tre Smith (So.)
TB 24 Carnell Williams (Jr.)	23 Ronnie Brown (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 83 Jay Ratliff (Jr.)	94 Bret Eddins (Jr.)
DE 92 DeMarco McNeil (Sr.)	96 Wayne Dickens (So.)
DT 53 Spencer Johnson (Sr.)	91 Dexter Murphy (Sr.)
DE 82 Reggie Torbor (Sr.)	95 Kyle Derozan (Fr.)
LB 11 Karlos Dansby (Sr.)	40 Kevin Sears (Fr.)
LB 54 Dontarrious Thomas (Sr.)	56 Lemarcus Rowell (So.)
LB 51 Travis Williams (So.)	29 Derrick Graves (Jr.)
CB 4 Junior Rosegreen (Jr.)	26 Lamel Ages (Jr.)
CB 14 Carlos Rogers (Jr.)	19 Montavis Pitts (Fr.)
S 3 Roshard Gilyard (Sr.)	35 Will Herring (Fr.)
S 10 Donnay Young (Jr.)	21 Karibi Dede (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Philip Yost (Jr.)	
P 41 Michael Gibson (Fr.)	
KR 22 Tre Smith (So.)	
PR 22 Tre Smith (So.)	

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jason Campbell, 94-149-1,215-5, 11 TDs
Rushing:	Ronnie Brown, 175 car., 1,008 yds., 13 TDs
Receiving:	Devin Aromashodu, 18 rec., 304 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Dontarrious Thomas, 91, 37 solo
Sacks:	Karlos Dansby, 4
Interceptions:	Carlos Rogers, 4 for 48 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

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USC trojans

Offense

It's never easy to lose the best football player in America at the most important position on the team. But if USC can find someone even moderately competent to replace Carson Palmer, the Trojans should be very effective on offense, even if they do look a little different.

Without Palmer's arm strength, offensive coordinator Norm Chow is likely to go back to more of the controlled pass plays he featured when he was at BYU. It will look more like the West Coast offense than the one that spread the field for USC a year ago. The problem is finding the right player to run it. No one stood out in spring drills, but coach Pete Carroll's early choice is Matt Leinart, a 6'6" lefthander who might be the most accurate thrower on the team.

Whoever ends up at quarterback will find one of the finest pair of wide receivers in the country. Flashy Mike Williams broke two freshman NCAA records and tied another. Keary Colbert is a perfect, sure-handed complement on the other side. Touted freshmen Whitney Lewis and Steve Smith should contribute immediately, too.

Backfield depth isn't as impressive. But sophomore Hershel Dennis is the kind of combination runner/receiver Chow loves at tailback, with Brandon Hancock the likely fullback.

The offensive line should be even better with only one starter missing. The bookend tackles, Jacob Rogers and freshman All-American Winston Justice, are the names to remember.

Defense

Carroll's specialty is defense, and this should easily be his finest yet at USC. "The Wild

Bunch II" leads the way up front, with sack specialists Kenechi Udeze, Omar Nazel and Mike Patterson, along with tackle Shaun Cody, maybe the best player of the bunch, who missed half of last year after knee surgery.

Matt Grootegeod is an All-Pac-10 linebacker, with Melvin Simmons and newcomers Lofa Tatupu and Frostee Rucker joining a gifted unit.

There is plenty of talent and experience in the secondary, but the player everyone wants to talk about is Darnell Bing, a freshman strong safety who is so highly regarded that USC athletic director and former Heisman Trophy winner Mike Garrett is allowing him to wear his old No. 20 jersey.

Specialists

All last year's specialists return, which can be good and bad. Punter Tom Malone and place-kicker Ryan Killeen are both solid. But USC finished last in the Pac-10 in punt returns and kick-off returns and ninth in kick-off return coverage. So obviously Carroll will try to do a patch-up job there.

Final Analysis

Thanks to his best recruiting class yet, Carroll has USC's program on the verge of returning to the days of dominating the Pac-10. The Trojans won their final eight games a year ago, topping off the season with a convincing victory over Iowa in the Orange Bowl.

With an extraordinary defense that should keep it in every game, this team has an excellent chance to match, or even surpass, 2002's 11-2 record. But the key, of course, will be the performance of Leinart, or whoever takes over at quarterback. If he can play efficient, mistake-free football and find a way to get the ball to those exciting playmakers at wide receiver, the Trojans should score plenty of points.

Either way, they're the clear Pac-10 favorites now that Carroll once again has them looking at the world through Rose-colored glasses.

Pac-10 Prediction: 1st National Forecast: #6



Mike Williams

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	1 Mike Williams (So.)	82 D. Hale (Sr.)
FL	83 Keary Colbert (Sr.)	24 Justin Wyatt (So.)
LT	77 Jacob Rogers (Sr.)	76 Nate Steinbacher (Sr.)
LG	78 Lenny Vandermade (Sr.)	63 Travis Watkins (Jr.)
C	62 Norm Katnik (Sr.)	61 Kurt Katnik (Fr.)
RG	66 Eric Torres (Sr.)	57 Fred Matua (Fr.)
RT	71 Winston Justice (So.)	75 Kyle Williams (Fr.)
TE	81 Alex Holmes (Sr.)	86 Dominique Byrd (So.)
QB	11 Matt Leinart (So.)	4 Brandon Hance (Jr.)
FB	28 Brandon Hancock (So.)	35 Lee Webb (Jr.)
TB	34 Hershel Dennis (So.)	28 Andre Woodert (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	94 Kenechi Udeze (Jr.)	91 Van Brown (Jr.)
NT	99 Mike Patterson (Jr.)	95 Travis Tofi (Fr.)
DT	84 Shaun Cody (Jr.)	52 LaJuan Ramsey (So.)
DE	56 Omar Nazel (Sr.)	90 Frostee Rucker (So.)
SLB	6 Matt Grootegeod (Jr.)	42 Dallas Sartz (So.)
MLB	58 Lofa Tatupu (So.)	49 Dan Urquhart (Jr.)
WLB	51 Melvin Simmons (Sr.)	41 Bobby Otani (Jr.)
CB	30 Kevin Arbet (Sr.)	18 John Walker (So.)
CB	8 Marcell Allmond (Sr.)	31 William Buchanan (So.)
FS	27 Jason Leach (Jr.)	40 Greg Farr (Sr.)
SS	20 Darnell Bing (Fr.)	43 Mike Ross (So.)

Special Teams

P	14 Tom Malone (So.)
K	16 Ryan Killeen (Jr.)
KR	24 Justin Wyatt (So.)
PR	30 Kevin Arbet (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Matt Cassel, 3-4-27-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Hershel Dennis, 49 car., 198 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Mike Williams, 81 rec., 1,265 yds., 14 TDs
Tackles:	Matt Grootegeod, 81, 62 solo
Sacks:	Matt Grootegeod, 8
Interceptions:	Jason Leach, 4 for 52 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

81 Mike Williams set NCAA freshman records with 81 catches and 1,265 receiving yards last fall. His 14 touchdowns tied a record set by Florida's Jabar Gaffney in 2000.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Auburn	*
S. 6 BYU	W
S. 13 Hawaii	W
S. 27 at California	W
O. 4 at Arizona State	W
O. 11 Stanford	W
O. 18 at Notre Dame	W
O. 25 at Washington	*
N. 1 Washington State	W
N. 15 at Arizona	W
N. 22 UCLA	W
D. 6 Oregon State	W

*Games in bold represent swing games.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 2 Auburn	W 24-17
S. 14 at Colorado	W 40-3
S. 21 at Kansas State	L 20-27
S. 28 Oregon State	W 22-0
O. 5 at Wash. State	L 27-30
O. 12 California	W 30-28
O. 19 Washington	W 41-21
O. 26 at Oregon	W 44-33
N. 9 at Stanford	W 49-17
N. 16 Arizona State	W 34-13
N. 23 at UCLA	W 52-21
N. 30 Notre Dame	W 44-13
J. 2 #Iowa	W 38-10
#Orange Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.8 ppg	9
Rushing	142.5 ypg	65
Passing	306.8 ypg	8
Total	449.2 ypg	8
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.5 ppg	17
Rushing	83.2 ypg	6
Passing	201.8 ypg	42
Total	284.9 ypg	6
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+18	+1.38	5

Head Coach: Pete Carroll

2002 Record (Pac-10): 11-2 (7-1)

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Texas longhorns

Offense

With a bevy of experienced receivers, led by one of the nation's best in Roy Williams, and a running back in Cedric Benson who has recorded back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, Texas should have no problem moving the football.

OK, there is a first-time starter at quarterback in Chance Mock, but that shouldn't be a problem. Mock, a junior, has been waiting in the wings for four years. He may have difficulty holding off redshirt freshman Vincent Young, but he can and should be productive.

Defenses face an agonizing choice — commit to stopping Benson (2,346 yards in two seasons) or play soft to keep Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas from running wild in the secondary. Few defenses in the country can accomplish either goal anyway.

There are questions on the Longhorns' offensive line, but the unit should be more aggressive than it has been, thanks to new O-line coach Mac McWhorter.

Defense

This is where the Longhorns may slide a bit. UT had the No. 1 defense in the country in 2001, but finished 16th last season, including 47th against the run.

Health is the biggest concern up front. Four returning contributors have missed time to injury since the middle of last season. The seniors on the right side, end Kalen Thornton and tackle Marcus Tubbs, were hobbled during the season with nagging injuries. The sophomores on the left side, end Bryan Pickryl (shoulder) and tackle Rodrique Wright (knee), missed the spring because of off-season surgery.

Linebacker Derrick Johnson should find his

13 Texas allowed a ridiculously low 13 points off its 18 turnovers in 2002, while turning opponents' 35 giveaways into 125 points.

name on preseason All-America teams. The junior is a perfect fit in Carl Reese's speed-dependent scheme. Reed Boyd's experience should keep him in the mix, though he is being pushed by an athletic group of sophomores and redshirt freshmen. Expect a four- or five-man rotation in the spots beside Johnson.

A lack of depth in the secondary could be a problem, but the top five is a strong group, with honors candidate Nathan Vasher leading the way at corner.

Specialists

Dusty Mangum (32-of-49 in his career) returns for his third tour of duty as the kicker, but Mack Brown won't hesitate to insert David Pino. Taylor Landin or Justin Smith will be the punter, and either should match the 40.1 yards per kick UT got last year from Brian Bradford.

When healthy, Vasher is one of the better punt returners in the country and Selvin Young is nearly as dangerous.

Final Analysis

A stagnant running game has proved to be the major problem in the biggest game of the season the last three years. Texas has a combined 73 yards rushing on 77 carries in its three straight losses to Oklahoma. UT can't average 3.4 yards per carry and finish 74th in the country in rushing offense and win the national title. The offensive line needs to get up to speed.

Defensively, coordinator Carl Reese loves man-to-man coverage and a heavy blitzing scheme, while Mack Brown prefers less risky zone coverages and four-man pressure. Which will be the preferred style? Probably somewhere in the middle, but however they play, the Longhorns need to be able to adjust on the fly. Championship contenders don't allow a back to rush for 248 yards (Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin in the Horns' first loss) or a QB to throw for 473 yards and six touchdowns (Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury in UT's second loss).

Big 12 South Prediction: 2nd National Forecast: #7



Cedric Benson

Wayne Murdoch

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

FL	82 B.J. Johnson (Sr.)	12 Tony Jeffery (Jr.)
SE	4 Roy Williams (Sr.)	1 Sloan Thomas (Sr.)
LT	73 Jonathan Scott (So.)	69 Terrance Young (So.)
LG	61 Tillman Holloway (Sr.)	65 Stevie Lee (Jr.)
C	52 Jason Glynn (Jr.)	72 Will Allen (So.)
RG	51 Mike Garcia (So.)	54 Trey Bates (Jr.)
RT	63 Justin Blalock (Fr.)	78 Will Winston (So.)
TE	16 David Thomas (So.)	84 Brock Edwards (Sr.)
QB	5 Chance Mock (Jr.)	10 Vincent Young (Fr.)
TB	32 Cedric Benson (Jr.)	3 Selvin Young (So.)
FB	26 Ivan Williams (Sr.)	49 Eric Hall (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	98 Bryan Pickryl (So.)	41 Austin Sendlein (Jr.)
DT	95 Marcus Tubbs (Sr.)	91 Tully Janszen (Fr.)
DT	90 Rodrique Wright (So.)	92 Larry Dibbles (So.)
DE	43 Kalen Thornton (Sr.)	42 Chase Pittman (Fr.)
LB	45 Reed Boyd (Sr.)	39 Brian Robison (Fr.)
LB	52 Garnet Smith (So.)	2 Aaron Harris (So.)
LB	11 Derrick Johnson (Jr.)	32 Marcus Myers (Fr.)
CB	3 Nathan Vasher (Sr.)	4 Edorian McCullough (So.)
CB	8 Cedric Griffin (So.)	4 Edorian McCullough (So.)
SS	7 Michael Huff (So.)	22 Phillip Geiggar (Jr.)
FS	9 Dakarai Pearson (Sr.)	18 Matt Melton (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	14 Dusty Mangum (Jr.)
P	13 Taylor Landin (So.)
KR	3 Selvin Young (So.)
PR	3 Nathan Vasher (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Chance Mock, 5-8-44-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Cedric Benson, 305 car., 1,293 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving:	Roy Williams, 64 rec., 1,142 yds., 12 TDs
Tackles:	Reed Boyd, 123, 58 solo
Sacks:	Bryan Pickryl, 4.5, Rodrique Wright, 4.5
Interceptions:	Dakarai Pearson, 6 for 88 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	New Mexico State	W
S. 13	Arkansas	W
S. 20	at Rice	W
S. 27	Tulane	W
O. 4	Kansas State	*
O. 11	#Oklahoma	*
O. 18	at Iowa State	W
O. 25	at Baylor	W
N. 1	Nebraska	W
N. 8	at Oklahoma State	W
N. 15	Texas Tech	W
N. 28	at Texas A&M	W
	#Dallas, TX	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	North Texas	W	27-0
S. 14	at North Carolina	W	52-21
S. 21	Houston	W	41-11
S. 28	at Tulane	W	49-0
O. 5	Oklahoma State	W	17-15
O. 12	at Oklahoma	L	24-35
O. 19	at Kansas State	W	17-14
O. 26	Iowa State	W	21-10
N. 2	at Nebraska	W	27-24
N. 9	Baylor	W	41-0
N. 16	at Texas Tech	L	38-42
N. 29	Texas A&M	W	50-20
J. 1	#LSU	W	35-20
	#Cotton Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.8 ppg	16
Rushing	135.5 ypg	74
Passing	250.1 ypg	34
Total	385.6 ypg	48
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	8
Rushing	142.5 ypg	47
Passing	165.2 ypg	8
Total	307.7 ypg	16
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+17	+1.31	8

Head Coach: Mack Brown

2002 Record (Big 12): 11-2 (6-2)

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S14	PENN ST (+5)	NEBR	40-7	W	UPSET!
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Georgia bulldogs

Offense

Georgia returns just three starters on offense — quarterback David Greene, wide receiver Fred Gibson and tight end Ben Watson. The quarterback controversy that some predicted would derail the Bulldogs last year is also back. In a surprise to many, backup D.J. Shockley didn't transfer in the off-season. Shockley, a sophomore, played behind Greene last year, and Greene, a junior, did nothing to suggest he's going to give Shockley a shot at the starting job anytime soon. Greene threw for 2,924 yards, was named first-team All-SEC quarterback and probably will enter the 2003 on a long list of Heisman Trophy candidates. Still, Mark Richt loves the more-mobile Shockley, and the former *Parade* All-American will continue to rotate with Greene and "play more" than he did last year, Richt says. If Shockley continues to develop like Richt thinks he will, he could end up getting almost 50 percent of the snaps.

Tailback Tony Milton, the expected successor to Musa Smith, will have to hold off true freshman Gregg Lumpkin in the fall. Wide receiver Gibson (20.1 yards per catch career average) could step out of Terrence Edwards' shadow to be an All-America-type player. The offensive line, though, will be the biggest key. Georgia lost six senior linemen to graduation and will have to replace them with freshmen and sophomores.

Defense

The Bulldogs' defense returns seven starters and could be dominant if its three new linebackers play up to their potential and mature

quickly. By the looks of things after spring practice, Georgia will replace Boss Bailey, Tony Gilbert and Chris Clemons with Tony Taylor, Odell Thurman and Thomas Davis. What those three lack in experience they make up for in athleticism and speed.

The defensive line will be built around defending SEC Player of the Year David Pollack, who had a Georgia-record 14 sacks last year. In the middle, the Dogs will rotate several 300-pounders. The secondary should be a strength with four returning starters and sophomore reserve Tim Jennings pushing hard to get into the starting lineup.

Specialists

Billy Bennett, who has hit all 86 of his extra-point attempts in the last two seasons, returns as the undisputed starter at placekicker. Last season he hit 26-of-33 field goal attempts and set the SEC record for most kicking points in a season with 130. Nobody stepped up in spring to take over Jonathan Kilgo's punting duties. Georgia is counting on true freshman Andy Bailey to come in and handle punts and kickoffs.

Final Analysis

The Bulldogs face a stiff challenge if they hope to repeat as SEC champions. Their offensive line will be one major injury away from chaos until some of the six true freshmen coming in this fall get game experience. There's also the quarterback situation. Although Greene proved to be the league's best signal-caller last year, Richt is determined to expand Shockley's role. If Shockley starts taking even more snaps, Greene's patience with the situation might run out.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are experienced and deep at every spot except linebacker. If Pollack has another all-star season, the secondary can come up with a few more big plays than it did a year ago and the young linebackers can avoid critical mistakes, Georgia's defense could be dominant.

1 Georgia returns just one running back — Tony Milton (82 attempts last fall) — who has more career carries than starting cornerback Bruce Thornton, a converted tailback.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Clemson	W
S. 6	Middle Tennessee	W
S. 13	South Carolina	W
S. 20	at LSU	*
O. 4	Alabama	W
O. 11	at Tennessee	W
O. 18	at Vanderbilt	W
O. 25	UAB	W
N. 1	#Florida	W
N. 15	Auburn	*
N. 22	Kentucky	W
N. 29	at Georgia Tech	W
	#Jacksonville	

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Clemson	W	31-28
S. 14	at South Carolina	W	13-7
S. 21	Northwestern St.	W	45-7
S. 28	New Mexico St.	W	41-10
O. 5	at Alabama	W	27-25
O. 12	Tennessee	W	18-13
O. 19	Vanderbilt	W	48-17
O. 26	at Kentucky	W	52-24
N. 2	@Florida	L	13-20
N. 9	Ole Miss	W	31-17
N. 16	at Auburn	W	24-21
N. 30	Georgia Tech	W	51-7
D. 7	at Arkansas	W	30-3
J. 1	#Florida State	W	26-13
	@Jax #Sugar Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.1 ppg	22
Rushing	139.6 ypg	67
Passing	245.4 ypg	39
Total	384.9 ypg	49
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.1 ppg	4
Rushing	114.0 ypg	19
Passing	189.5 ypg	31
Total	303.5 ypg	15
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.57	32

SEC East Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #8



David Greene

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Depth Chart

Offense (3)

FL 82	Fred Gibson (Jr.)	18	Damien Gary (Sr.)
SE 25	Michael Johnson (Sr.)	1	Reggie Brown (Jr.)
ST 72	Daniel Inman (Fr.)	66	Dennis Roland (So.)
SG 60	Josh Brock (So.)	67	Reggie Weeks (So.)
C 50	Russ Tanner (So.)	65	Randall Swoopes (Fr.)
TG 73	Bartley Miller (So.)	67	Reggie Weeks (So.)
TT 74	Max Jean-Gilles (So.)	66	Dennis Roland (So.)
TE 89	Benjamin Watson (Sr.)	84	Robert Brannon (Sr.)
QB 14	David Greene (Jr.)	3	D.J. Shockley (So.)
FB 41	Jeremy Thomas (So.)	35	Chris Hickman (Fr.)
TB 9	Tony Milton (So.)	31	Tyson Browning (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 58	Will Thompson (Jr.)	90	Robert Geathers (Jr.)
DT 98	Darrius Swain (So.)	97	Kedric Golston (So.)
NT 96	Ken Veal (Sr.)	92	Gerald Anderson (So.)
DE 47	David Pollack (Jr.)	91	Shedrick Wynn (Sr.)
SLB 10	Thomas Davis (So.)	46	Arnold Harrison (Jr.)
MLB	Odell Thurman (So.)	53	Derrick White (Jr.)
WLB43	Tony Taylor (So.)	55	Derrick Holloway (Jr.)
CB 22	Decory Bryant (Sr.)	2	DeMario Minter (So.)
CB 7	Bruce Thornton (Sr.)	23	Tim Jennings (So.)
ROV 4	Kentrell Curry (Sr.)	15	Kenny Bailey (Sr.)
FS 6	Sean Jones (Jr.)	17	Greg Blue (So.)

Special Teams

K 30	Billy Bennett (Sr.)
P	Andy Bailey (Fr.)
KR 82	Fred Gibson (Jr.)
PR 18	Damien Gary (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	David Greene, 218-379-2,924-8, 22 TDs
Rushing:	Tony Milton, 82 car., 314 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving:	Fred Gibson, 43 rec., 758 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Sean Jones, 76, 46 solo
Sacks:	David Pollack, 14
Interceptions:	Kentrell Curry, 4 for 145 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
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Head Coach: Mark Richt

2002 Record (SEC): 13-1 (7-1)



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Pittsburgh

panthers

Offense

Pittsburgh enters the season without a quarterback controversy. That's news, because coach Walt Harris typically waits until the last possible opportunity to name a starter. Not this year. Not with second-team All-Big East pick Rod Rutherford looking to improve on a junior season that saw him connect on 52 percent of his passes for 2,783 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Rutherford blossomed in his first season at the controls and ran the West Coast offense with efficiency. His blend of athleticism and arm strength gives the Panthers a weapon at quarterback that they haven't had in a decade.

Rutherford's favorite target is 1,000-yard receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who flourished in Harris' offense and is a legitimate candidate for the Biletnikoff Award. He'll be assisted in his pass-catching pursuits by athletic tight end Kris Wilson.

Three starters return on the offensive line. Junior left tackle Rob Pettiti, a 2002 All-Big East pick, will provide a steadying influence, but with newcomers at right guard and center, things could be precarious up front.

Should the line jell quickly, senior Brandon Miree, a transfer from Alabama, could build upon a season in which he ran for 943 yards, including 553 in his final five games.

Defense

Coordinator Paul Rhoads has established Pittsburgh as one of the top defensive teams nationally. Last season's unit ranked in the top 15 in total defense and scoring defense.

This group, which returns seven starters, is built around All-America candidate Claude Harriott at defensive end. Harriott forced seven fumbles — the second-most in the nation — and had 9.5 sacks in 2002. He is part of a

defensive front that returns two other starters — Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens, a pair of run-stopping tackles.

The linebacking corps must overcome the loss of four-year starter Gerald Hayes, whose spot in the middle will be manned by former strong-side backer Lewis Moore. A pair of first-year starters will flank Moore, who must display Hayes' leadership qualities as the unit attempts to mesh.

All-Big East cornerback Torrie Cox must be replaced, but the Panthers should be solid in the secondary with three starters back. Tyrone Gilliard and Tez Morris form the hardest hitting safety tandem in the league.

Specialists

Punter Andy Lee is back after being named Big East Special Teams co-Player of the Year. Powerful kicker David Abdul rebounded from a slow start to become an unexpected asset.

Billy Gaines, who struggled as a punt returner last year, will give it another shot, while speedy Marcus Furman is a strong candidate to return kickoffs.

Final Analysis

This is the season for Pittsburgh to make a run into the top 10 and push itself into the national title hunt. Harris has been building up to this point for seven years and most of the pieces are in place, with 15 starters back from last season's 9-4 team. He has a solid quarterback, an All-America caliber wide receiver, a blossoming tailback and a potentially solid offensive line. Couple that with a defense that ranks among the nation's best year-in and year-out and Pittsburgh could be looking at a BCS berth.

The schedule is favorable, with Big East heavyweights Virginia Tech and Miami, along with out-of-conference foe Notre Dame, coming to Pittsburgh. A meeting at Texas A&M in Week 4 will go a long way toward determining how good these Panthers really are.

24 Pittsburgh's four losses last season came by a combined 24 points.

2003 Schedule		2002 Results		2002 National Rankings		
S. 6 Kent State	W	A. 31 Ohio	W 27-14	Offense	Per Game	Rank
S. 13 Ball State	W	S. 7 Texas A&M	L 12-14	Scoring	25.5 ppg	70
S. 20 at Toledo	W	S. 14 at UAB	W 26-20	Rushing	143.1 ypg	64
S. 27 at Texas A&M	W	S. 21 Rutgers	W 23-3	Passing	215.1 ypg	59
O. 11 Notre Dame	W	S. 28 Toledo	W 37-19	Total	358.2 ypg	78
O. 18 at Rutgers	W	O. 5 at Syracuse	W 48-24	Defense	Per Game	Rank
O. 25 Syracuse	W	O. 12 at Notre Dame	L 6-14	Scoring	17.8 ppg	14
N. 1 at Boston College	W	O. 26 Boston College	W 19-16	Rushing	117.5 ypg	24
N. 8 Virginia Tech	*	N. 2 at Virginia Tech	W 28-21	Passing	178.5 ypg	18
N. 15 at West Virginia	W	N. 9 Temple	W 29-22	Total	296.0 ypg	12
N. 22 at Temple	W	N. 21 at Miami	L 21-28	TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
N. 29 Miami	*	N. 30 West Virginia	L 17-24	+10	+0.77	20
		D. 26 #Oregon State	W 38-13			
		#Insight Bowl				

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Walt Harris

2002 Record (Big East): 9-4 (5-2)

Big East Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #9



Rod Rutherford

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 4 Chris Curd (Sr.)	85 Princell Brockenbrough (Jr.)
FL 1 Larry Fitzgerald (So.)	29 Billy Gaines (So.)
LT 78 Rob Pettiti (Jr.)	70 Jason Capizzi (Fr.)
LG 52 Dan LaCarte (Sr.)	66 Penny Semaia (Sr.)
C 62 Justin Belarski (Jr.)	64 Rob Frederick (Jr.)
RG 71 Jon Schall (Sr.)	60 John Simonitis (Fr.)
RT 75 Matt Morgan (Sr.)	59 Nick Pietracatello (Sr.)
TE 83 Kris Wilson (Sr.)	45 Erik Gill (So.)
QB 12 Rod Rutherford (Sr.)	3 Tyler Palko (So.)
FB 32 Lousaka Polite (Sr.)	23 Tim Murphy (So.)
TB 25 Brandon Miree (Sr.)	34 Jawan Walker (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 55 Thomas Smith (So.)	57 Andy Alleman (So.)
NT 96 Vince Crochunis (Jr.)	56 Charles Spencer (So.)
DT 94 Dan Stephens (Jr.)	93 Jake Holthaus (Jr.)
DE 90 Claude Harriott (Sr.)	8 Malcolm Pinder (Sr.)
SLB 44 Brian Bennett (Fr.)	37 Azzie Beagnyam (Fr.)
MLB 48 Lewis Moore (Sr.)	40 Joe Dipre (So.)
WLB 6 Malcolm Postell (Jr.)	54 Charles Sallet (Fr.)
CB 19 Shawntae Spencer (Sr.)	2 Marcus Furman (Jr.)
CB 27 William Ferguson (Sr.)	9 Bernard Lay (So.)
FS 20 Tez Morris (So.)	17 Corey Humphries (Sr.)
SS 31 Tyrone Gilliard (Jr.)	21 J.J. Horne (So.)

Special Teams

K 16 David Abdul (So.)
P 36 Andy Lee (Sr.)
KR 2 Marcus Furman (Jr.)
PR 29 Billy Gaines (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Rod Rutherford, 192-367-2,783-12, 22 TDs
Rushing:	Brandon Miree, 214 car., 943 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Larry Fitzgerald, 69 rec., 1,005 yds., 12 TDs
Tackles:	Tez Morris, 119, 71 solo
Sacks:	Claude Harriott, 9.5
Interceptions:	Shawntae Spencer, 3 for 49 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

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Offense

Michigan's well-balanced attack should put up plenty of points. The Wolverines' top quarterback, running back and wide receiver return along with all but one starter from last season's offensive line.

For the first time, senior quarterback John Navarre comes into camp as the unquestioned leader of the offense. Coming off a season in which he threw 21 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions, Navarre could be the Big Ten's premier player at his position.

Tailback Chris Perry, a shifty and powerful runner who lacks breakaway speed, may have to carry even more of the load. A change-of-pace back would make the running attack more effective, but the Wolverines may not have one.

The receiving corps is the strongest and deepest unit on the team despite the departure of starter Ronald Bellamy. Braylon Edwards drops a few too many, but he's tall, physical and makes big plays. Sophomore Jason Avant and redshirt freshmen Carl Tabb and Steve Breaston are poised to make an impact. Former wideout Tim Massaquoi has the tough task of replacing Bennie Joppru, whose 53 receptions ranked third among all Division I-A tight ends.

A pair of All-Big Ten first team selections, tackle Tony Pape and guard David Baas, anchor one of the nation's best offensive lines.

Defense

Despite the presence of All-America candidate Marlin Jackson at cornerback and five other returning starters, the defense has plenty of question marks. Much of the uncertainty centers on the linebacker and safety positions.

Starting linebackers Carl Diggs and Zach Kaufman are coming off season-ending injuries

and missed spring practice. The outside linebacker spot vacated by co-captain and leading tackler Vic Hobson might be filled by true freshman LaMarr Woodley.

The defensive line is solid, though Shantee Orr's early departure to the NFL hurts a pass rush that has led the Big Ten in sacks the last two seasons. Tackle Grant Bowman, who has fought through an assortment of injuries, is a superior pass rusher. Norman Heuer and Larry Stevens are steady, experienced performers.

Marlin Jackson, who set a school record for pass breakups as a sophomore, is an ideal building block for any secondary. Senior Jon Shaw and sophomore Ernest Shazor, a special teams demon, are the top candidates to start at safety.

Specialists

Michigan's kicking game was a running joke until Adam Finley made 7-of-10 field goals late in the season. Whether Finley, who has had surgery on both knees, can handle the stress of punting and placekicking over a full season is a legitimate concern.

Final Analysis

Michigan's offense bogged down against the three best defenses it faced — Notre Dame, Iowa and Ohio State. That cannot happen this year, because the defense will have to fill holes with underclassmen. Navarre has to display continued progress after a strong junior year. New passing threats to replace Joppru and fullback B.J. Askew and another running option to complement Perry must emerge. Defensively, a steady playmaker must be unearthed to replace Victor Hobson, and a banged-up linebacker corps has to get healthy by opening day. A favorable schedule, with Penn State and Wisconsin replaced by Northwestern and Indiana, sets the Wolverines up to challenge Ohio State for Big Ten supremacy. If they can also survive early tests against Notre Dame and Oregon, the Wolverines could be Sugar Bowl-bound.

Big Ten Prediction: 2nd National Forecast: #10



John Navarre

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	8 Jason Avant (So.)	18 Jermaine Gonzales (Jr.)
WR	1 Braylon Edwards (Jr.)	17 Carl Tabb (Fr.)
LT	79 Adam Stenavich (So.)	62 Courtney Morgan (Sr.)
LG	75 David Baas (Jr.)	72 Rueben Riley (Fr.)
C	57 Dave Pearson (Sr.)	55 Andy Christopfel (Jr.)
RG	67 Matt Lentz (So.)	65 Leo Henige (So.)
RT	77 Tony Pape (Sr.)	74 Demetrius Solomon (Jr.)
TE	88 Tim Massaquoi (So.)	14 Andy Mignery (Sr.)
QB	16 John Navarre (Sr.)	7 Spencer Brinton (Sr.)
TB	23 Chris Perry (Sr.)	5 David Underwood (Jr.)
FB	32 Kevin Dudley (Jr.)	35 Brian Thompson (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE	13 Larry Stevens (Sr.)	93 Alex Ofili (So.)
DT	60 Grant Bowman (Sr.)	78 Gabriel Watson (So.)
DT	90 Norman Heuer (Sr.)	94 Patrick Massey (So.)
DE	95 Alain Kashama (Sr.)	50 Jeremy Van Alstyne (Fr.)
OLB	58 Roy Manning (Jr.)	99 Pierre Woods (So.)
ILB	43 Carl Diggs (Sr.)	42 Lawrence Reid (So.)
ILB	36 Scott McClintock (So.)	37 Zach Kaufman (Sr.)
CB	3 Marlin Jackson (Jr.)	4 Darnell Hood (Fr.)
CB	21 Jeremy LeSueur (Sr.)	30 Markus Curry (Jr.)
SS	22 Jon Shaw (Sr.)	28 Jacob Stewart (So.)
FS	25 Ernest Shazor (So.)	19 Willis Barringer (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	39 Adam Finley (Jr.)
P	39 Adam Finley (Jr.)
KR	21 Jeremy LeSueur (Sr.)
PR	15 Steve Breaston (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	John Navarre, 248-448-2,905-7, 21 TDs
Rushing:	Chris Perry, 267 car., 1,110 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving:	Braylon Edwards, 67 rec., 1,035 yds., 10 TDs
Tackles:	Carl Diggs, 63, 44 solo
Sacks:	Larry Stevens, 4
Interceptions:	Marlin Jackson, 3 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

24 If John Navarre throws 24 touchdown passes this season, he'll break Elvis Grbac's school record of 71.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Central Michigan	W
S. 6	Houston	W
S. 13	Notre Dame	W
S. 20	at Oregon	W
S. 27	Indiana	W
O. 4	at Iowa	W
O. 11	at Minnesota	W
O. 18	Illinois	W
O. 25	Purdue	*
N. 1	at Michigan State	W
N. 15	at Northwestern	W
N. 22	Ohio State	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Washington	W	31-29
S. 7	Western Michigan	W	35-12
S. 14	at Notre Dame	L	23-25
S. 21	Utah	W	10-7
S. 28	at Illinois	W	45-28
O. 12	Penn State	W	27-24
O. 19	at Purdue	W	23-21
O. 26	Iowa	L	9-34
N. 2	Michigan State	W	49-3
N. 9	at Minnesota	W	41-24
N. 16	Wisconsin	W	21-14
N. 23	at Ohio State	L	9-14
J. 1	#Florida	W	38-30

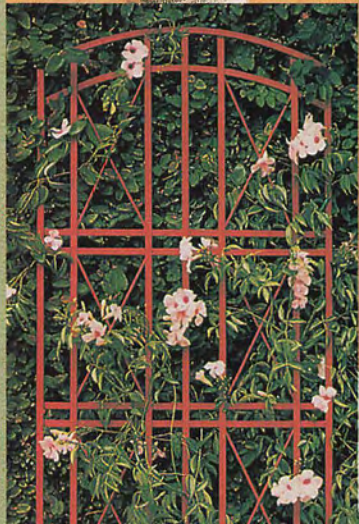
#Outback Bowl

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	27.8 ppg	54
Rushing	148.4 ypg	59
Passing	232.8 ypg	44
Total	381.2 ypg	52
Defense		
Scoring	20.4 ppg	26
Rushing	123.2 ypg	31
Passing	224.5 ypg	69
Total	347.7 ypg	42
TO Margin		
Per Game		
+9	+0.69	22

Head Coach: Lloyd Carr

2002 Record (Big Ten): 10-3 (6-2)



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North Carolina State wolfpack

Offense

Philip Rivers enters his senior year with a legitimate shot at the Heisman Trophy. In three years Rivers has passed for almost 9,000 yards, thrown 61 touchdowns and guided State to a 26-12 record. "I can't put into words how much Philip Rivers means to this team, this program and this university," says coach Chuck Amato.

Rivers has carried so much of the load that his backup, third-year sophomore Jay Davis, has attempted just 19 passes in his entire career.

Tailback T.A. McLendon set the State record for rushing touchdowns in a season (18) and posted the second-best rushing total by a freshman in school history with 1,101 yards — all this while fighting off injuries to both shoulders and a fractured wrist. He had a second surgery on his wrist in the spring.

Few teams in America have as good a combination of skill and depth at receiver as NC State, and it begins with senior Jerricho Cotchery, who's well on his way to becoming one of NCSU's all-time greats. Sterling Hicks missed spring practice after undergoing shoulder surgery, but the junior gives Rivers a fleet-footed target, as do newcomers Richard Washington and Tramain Hall.

State's line gave up just 11 sacks in 14 games a year ago. Returning are tackle Chris Colmer and guard Sean Locklear. Center Jed Paulsen missed spring workouts due to surgery, but he should have that spot locked up. Adding size is Derek Morris, a 6'6", 358-pound former *USA TODAY* and *Parade* All-American.

Defense

The Pack lost five players who started eight games or more on the defensive line, leaving

4 NC State has produced four ACC Rookies of the Year in the past five seasons, most recently running back T.A. McLendon, the 2002 winner.

tackle Alan Halloway (295 snaps last year) as the most experienced returnee. But the star of the group could be freshman end Mario Williams, a 6'7", 254-pounder who enrolled in January and went through spring drills.

Outside linebacker Pat Thomas, the third-leading tackler a season ago, appears ready to step into the leadership role vacated by Dantonio Burnette. Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay had the most tackles of any non-starter a year ago, with 86, and Manny Lawson may be the most athletic player on the entire squad.

The Pack is loaded in the secondary. Rover Andre Maddox is the team's leading returning tackler, and former receiver Dovonte Edwards gives State some sure hands at cornerback. Lamont Reid broke up a team-high nine passes a season ago.

Specialists

Austin Herbert averaged just over 37 yards per punt a season ago, while Adam Kiker was 14-of-16 on PATs, and 5-of-7 on field goal attempts. Those numbers aren't bad, but State went for it on fourth down a lot inside the 35-yard-line. The Pack was second in the nation in kickoff returns last year, and Reid took two to the house.

Final Analysis

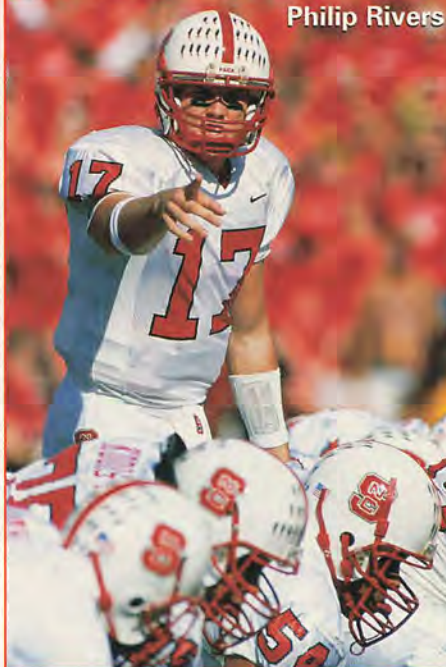
NC State, which smacked both Florida State and Notre Dame to end last season, needs to avoid the late-game naps that plagued the 2002 squad if it has any hope of representing the ACC in a BCS game this year. With perhaps as much talent as has ever been assembled in Raleigh, that shouldn't be a problem. Nonetheless, an injury to Rivers could make for a disappointing finish.

The key conference games come at the end of the season. NC State must be fine-tuned for Virginia, Florida State and Maryland. The ACC championship will be decided in those weeks.

ACC Prediction: 1st

National Forecast: #11

Philip Rivers



Bill Wood

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	5 Sterling Hicks (Jr.)	86 Andy Bertrand (Jr.)
FL	82 Jerricho Cotchery (Sr.)	6 Richard Washington (So.)
LT	70 Chris Colmer (Sr.)	78 James Newby (Fr.)
LG	76 Ricky Fowler (Jr.)	64 Leroy Harris (Fr.)
C	53 Jed Paulsen (Jr.)	61 Brandon Sanders (Sr.)
RG	54 Sean Locklear (Sr.)	74 Brandon Moore (So.)
RT	71 Derek Morris (Fr.)	77 John McKeon (So.)
TE	15 John Richter (So.)	80 T.J. Williams (So.)
QB	17 Philip Rivers (Sr.)	10 Jay Davis (So.)
TB	44 T.A. McLendon (So.)	26 Josh Brown (So.)
FB	49 Chance Moyer (Jr.)	46 Jeffrey Graves (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	9 Mario Williams (Fr.)	92 Sheldon Lewin (Sr.)
NT	63 John McCargo (Fr.)	72 DeMarcus Tyler (Fr.)
DT	94 Alan Halloway (Sr.)	62 Dwayne Herndon (So.)
DE	42 Brian Cross (So.)	11 Terrance Chapman (Sr.)
SLB	91 Manny Lawson (So.)	39 Roger Pollard (Sr.)
MLB	31 F. Aughtry-Lindsay (Jr.)	22 Oliver Hoyte (So.)
WLB	52 Pat Thomas (Jr.)	31 F. Aughtry-Lindsay (Jr.)
CB	1 Marcus Hudson (Jr.)	14 Dovonte Edwards (Jr.)
CB	28 Lamont Reid (Jr.)	3 A.J. Davis (Fr.)
ROV	36 Andre Maddox (Jr.)	4 J.J. Jones (So.)
FS	27 Troy Graham (Sr.)	19 Garland Heath (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	21 Adam Kiker (Sr.)
P	30 Austin Herbert (Sr.)
KR	28 Lamont Reid (Jr.)
PR	82 Jerricho Cotchery (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Philip Rivers, 262-418-3,353-10, 20 TDs
Rushing:	T.A. McLendon, 245 car., 1,101 yds., 18 TDs
Receiving:	Jerricho Cotchery, 67 rec., 1,192 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Andre Maddox, 121, 91 solo
Sacks:	Andre Maddox, 4
Interceptions:	Marcus Hudson, 3 for 5 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Western Carolina	W
S. 6	at Wake Forest	W
S. 13	at Ohio State	L
S. 20	Texas Tech	W
S. 27	North Carolina	W
O. 4	at Georgia Tech	W
O. 11	Connecticut	W
O. 18	Clemson	W
O. 25	at Duke	W
N. 1	Virginia	*
N. 15	at Florida State	*
N. 22	Maryland	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24	New Mexico	W	34-14
A. 31	ETSU	W	34-0
S. 7	at Navy	W	65-19
S. 14	Wake Forest	W	32-13
S. 21	at Texas Tech	W	51-48
S. 28	Massachusetts	W	56-24
O. 12	at N. Carolina	W	34-17
O. 19	Duke	W	24-22
O. 24	at Clemson	W	38-6
N. 2	Georgia Tech	L	17-24
N. 9	at Maryland	L	21-24
N. 16	at Virginia	L	9-14
N. 23	Florida State	W	17-7
J. 1	#Notre Dame	W	28-6

#Gator Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.9 ppg	18
Rushing	144.1 ypg	62
Passing	247.7 ypg	35
Total	391.8 ypg	39
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.0 ppg	10
Rushing	125.3 ypg	32
Passing	175.5 ypg	15
Total	300.8 ypg	14
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.50	35

Head Coach: Chuck Amato

2002 Record (ACC): 11-3 (5-3)

Washington huskies

Offense

Washington can accomplish a lot with Heisman Trophy candidates Cody Pickett at quarterback and Reggie Williams at receiver. But it's what the rest of the team provides that will determine what the Huskies achieve this season.

Pickett and Williams put up record-setting numbers last year in every category except victories as the Huskies finished a disappointing 7-6 after entering the year with expectations of a Pac-10 title.

Washington coach Rick Neuheisel wants to turn around the running game, which averaged an all-time school low of 74.5 yards per game. After two consecutive disappointing seasons at tailback, Rich Alexis could be replaced this season by Kenny James, Chris Singleton, Shelton Sampson or some combination of those three.

With Charles Frederick and Williams at receiver, Pickett can pick apart opposing defenses. The offensive line showed it can give Pickett plenty of protection. But now the line needs to prove it can open holes for the running backs to give the Huskies a more balanced attack. Every starter but one returns to the line, which will be led by center Todd Bachert.

Defense

Six starters return on a defense that finally started to show late in the 2002 season that it could come up with the big plays needed to win games.

Defensive tackle Terry Johnson has the potential speed and strength to become a force up front, something the Huskies lacked most of last year. Inside linebacker Marquis Cooper

could be the best defender on the field with the way he gets to the ball. The switch of strong safety Greg Carothers to linebacker should improve the overall defense.

Although quarterbacks put up big numbers and big plays against the defensive backfield early in the season, the Huskies started to make a few big plays of their own later in the year. Cornerback Derrick Johnson had five interceptions and is expected to have another strong year. Speedy Roc Alexander will handle the other corner. The Huskies are looking for a strong leader among the safeties, which could turn out to be Evan Benjamin or Jimmy Newell.

Specialists

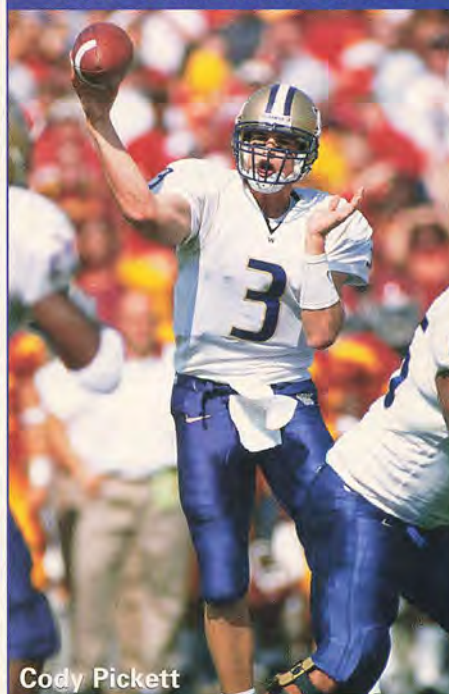
The Huskies will turn all of their kicking duties over to two true freshman — placekicker Michael Braunstein and punter Sean Douglas.

Frederick was the only Husky to return a punt last season and also had 30 kick returns. He has plenty of moves, although he has only one career touchdown on a return.

Final Analysis

Running and defense. Both areas were potential question marks in 2002, and the lack of a running game and a weak defense proved to be the Huskies' undoing in a disappointing 7-6 season. The same questions remain this season: the running game must improve and the defense needs to make more big plays. Washington has possibly the best passing combination in the nation in Pickett-to-Williams, but it takes much more than a record-setting passing attack to win 10 or more games. If the rest of their game improves, the Huskies could be one of the top teams in the nation — if they're built around Pickett and Williams rather than relying on them alone. If Neuheisel doesn't return the Huskies to glory this season, many of the 72,000 fans who attend each home game will want him replaced.

Pac-10 Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #12



Cody Pickett

Peter Brouillet

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 1 Reggie Williams (Jr.)	Craig Chambers (Fr.)
WR 10 Charles Frederick (Jr.)	80 Justin Robbins (Jr.)
WT 65 Khalif Barnes (Jr.)	79 Ryan Brooks (Jr.)
WG 53 Aaron Butler (Jr.)	61 Tusi Sa'au (So.)
C 72 Todd Bachert (Sr.)	50 Brad Vanneman (So.)
SG 68 Robin Meadow (So.)	78 Dan Dicks (Jr.)
ST 67 Nick Newton (Sr.)	71 Francisco Tipoti (Sr.)
TE 83 Joe Toledo (So.)	Jon Lyon (Jr.)
QB 3 Cody Pickett (Sr.)	15 Casey Paus (So.)
TB 24 Rich Alexis (Sr.)	8 Kenny James (Fr.)
FB 5 Zach Tuasosopo (Jr.)	22 Ty Eriks (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 86 Graham Lasee (So.)	Mike Mapu (Jr.)
DT 99 Terry Johnson (Sr.)	59 Jerome Stevens (Sr.)
DT 65 Josh Miller (Jr.)	59 Jerome Stevens (Sr.)
DE 56 Manase Hopoi (Jr.)	95 Donny Mateaki (Fr.)
ILB 35 Tim Galloway (Jr.)	5 Scott White (Fr.)
ILB 88 Marquis Cooper (Sr.)	53 Joe Lobendahn (Jr.)
OLB 34 Greg Carothers (Sr.)	42 Tyler Krambrink (Sr.)
SS 27 Evan Benjamin (So.)	38 James Sims (So.)
FS 26 Jimmy Newell (Jr.)	43 Owen Biddle (Sr.)
CB 21 Derrick Johnson (Jr.)	28 Chris Massey (Sr.)
CB 3 Roc Alexander (Sr.)	5 Sam Cunningham (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	Mike Braunstein (Fr.)
P	Sean Douglas (Fr.)
KR	10 Charles Frederick (Jr.)
PR	10 Charles Frederick (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Cody Pickett, 365-612-4,458-14, 28 TDs
Rushing:	Rich Alexis, 202 car., 688 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving:	Reggie Williams, 94 rec., 1,454 yds., 11 TDs
Tackles:	Marquis Cooper, 100, 60 solo
Sacks:	Manase Hopoi, 7
Interceptions:	Derrick Johnson, 5 for 56 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

4,458 Cody Pickett passed for 4,458 yards last season, breaking the Pac-10 record of 3,637 set by Ryan Leaf in 1997.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Ohio State	*
S. 6 Indiana	W
S. 20 Idaho	W
S. 27 Stanford	W
O. 4 at UCLA	W
O. 11 Nevada	W
O. 18 at Oregon State	*
O. 25 USC	*
N. 1 Oregon	W
N. 8 at Arizona	W
N. 15 at California	W
N. 22 Washington State	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Michigan	L 29-31
S. 7 San Jose State	W 34-10
S. 21 Wyoming	W 38-7
S. 28 Idaho	W 41-27
O. 5 California	L 27-34
O. 12 Arizona	W 32-28
O. 19 at USC	L 21-41
O. 26 at Arizona State	L 16-27
N. 2 UCLA	L 24-34
N. 9 Oregon State	W 41-29
N. 16 at Oregon	W 42-14
N. 23 at Wash. State	W 29-26
D. 31 #Purdue	L 24-34
#Sun Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.6 ppg	31
Rushing	74.5 ypg	113
Passing	346.2 ypg	4
Total	420.7 ypg	17
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	60
Rushing	97.7 ypg	11
Passing	259.5 ypg	105
Total	357.2 ypg	51
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	57

Head Coach: Rick Neuheisel

2002 Record (Pac-10): 7-6 (4-4)

Wisconsin badgers

Offense

For the first time since 1998, the Badgers will have a full-time starting quarterback other than Brooks Bollinger, who compiled a 30-12 record in four seasons. Senior Jim Sorgi is 0-5 as a starter but has come off the bench to lead Wisconsin to several victories and has passed for 2,247 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Senior wide receiver Lee Evans, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, appears on pace to return this fall. If Evans is healthy, the Badgers have a legitimate All-American who will garner double-coverage and ease the burden on the younger receivers.

Wisconsin, which has featured a 1,000-yard rusher for a Big Ten-record 10 consecutive seasons, has two such candidates in junior Anthony Davis and sophomore Dwayne Smith. With 3,021 yards, Davis is the nation's leading rusher over the last two seasons. But the coaches are so enamored of Smith (552 yards, six touchdowns) that they have designed two-back sets to use both runners at the same time.

The key to making it all work is the offensive line, which will feature three new starters. Four of the five spots seem set. The big question mark is left tackle, where Morgan Davis and Jake Wood could battle throughout training camp for the starting job.

Defense

Despite the departure of end Jake Sprague, the Badgers should be able to rotate at least seven players on the line. Juniors Anttaj Hawthorne and Darius Jones are potential stars.

Wisconsin has gradually upgraded its speed and overall athletic ability at all three linebacker

spots, and this could be the strength of the defense. Seniors Alex Lewis and Jeff Mack will man the inside and should make most of the big plays. Lewis might be the most explosive linebacker Wisconsin has had since Barry Alvarez took over the program in 1990.

Jim Leonhard, who led the nation in interceptions with 11 last season, has been moved to free safety from strong safety. Look for him to keep on making big plays. However, new secondary coach Ron Lee must identify a play-making cornerback to complement Scott Starks.

Specialists

The kicking game must be bolstered if the Badgers are to challenge for a title. Punter R.J. Morse struggled in the second half of the season and seemed to lose confidence. He will have to show more consistency and pop to hold his job. Kickers Mike Allen and Scott Campbell combined to make only 15-of-23 field-goal attempts last season. They will be pushed for the No. 1 job by freshman Matt Domonos, who joined the program in January. Don't count out Allen, though. He showed his poise by calmly drilling the game-winner in the Alamo Bowl from 37 yards in overtime.

Final Analysis

Wisconsin finished 2-6 in the Big Ten and 8-6 overall last season because it had to rely too heavily on untested talent. With 16 starters back, this season could prove to be more fruitful. The return of a healthy Evans should provide a huge boost to the offense. If the line jells quickly, the Badgers could have one of the more versatile and potent offenses in the Big Ten. On defense, the front seven has enough talent and versatility to be stout. This defense will be very good if a lock-down cornerback emerges. The final piece will be the special teams. If the staff finds a kicker and punter who can perform consistently, a New Year's Day bowl is a legitimate goal.

Big Ten Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #13



Anthony Davis

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 3 Lee Evans (Sr.)	9 Jonathan Orr (So.)
WR 25 Brandon Williams (So.)	87 Darrin Charles (Jr.)
LT 75 Morgan Davis (Jr.)	78 Jake Wood (So.)
LG 67 Dan Bunning (Jr.)	76 Matt Lawrence (So.)
C 53 Donovan Raiola (So.)	52 Jason Palermo (So.)
RG 50 Jonathan Clinkscale (Jr.)	58 Calvin Barrett (Jr.)
RT 61 Mike Lorenz (Jr.)	77 Randy Gyllin (Fr.)
TE 85 Tony Paciotti (Jr.)	81 Bob Docherty (Jr.)
QB 19 Jim Sorgi (Sr.)	16 Matt Schabert (Jr.)
TB 28 Anthony Davis (Jr.)	30 Dwayne Smith (So.)
FB 45 Matt Bernstein (So.)	37 Greg Root (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 90 Erasmus James (Sr.)	98 Darius Jones (Jr.)
DT 77 Anttaj Hawthorne (Jr.)	79 Mike Kleber (So.)
DT 74 Jason Jefferson (Jr.)	97 Nick Cochart (Sr.)
DE 92 Jonathan Welsh (Jr.)	95 Joe Monty (Fr.)
OLB 24 LaMarr Watkins (So.)	34 Kareem Timbers (Jr.)
LB 46 Jeff Mack (Sr.)	41 Mark Zalewski (Fr.)
LB 12 Alex Lewis (Sr.)	47 Elliot Goode (So.)
CB 2 Scott Starks (Jr.)	4 Chuckie Cowans (Jr.)
CB 21 Levonne Rowan (So.)	6 Brett Bell (Jr.)
FS 18 Jim Leonhard (Jr.)	42 Robert Brooks (Jr.)
SS 7 Ryan Aiello (Sr.)	14 Donte Sanders (So.)

Special Teams

K 97 Mike Allen (Jr.)
P 31 R.J. Morse (Jr.)
KR 25 Brandon Williams (So.)
PR 18 Jim Leonhard (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jim Sorgi, 38-70-536-2, 1 TD
Rushing:	Anthony Davis, 300 car., 1,555 yds., 13 TDs
Receiving:	Brandon Williams, 52 rec., 663 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Ryan Aiello, 105, 73 solo
Sacks:	Darius Jones, 5
Interceptions:	Jim Leonhard, 11 for 115 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

8 Wisconsin won eight games in 2002, the eighth time in 10 seasons it has won that many games. That matches the number of eight-victory seasons the program recorded from 1889-1992.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at West Virginia	W
S. 6 Akron	W
S. 13 UNLV	W
S. 20 North Carolina	W
S. 27 at Illinois	W
O. 4 at Penn State	W
O. 11 Ohio State	*
O. 18 Purdue	*
O. 25 at Northwestern	W
N. 8 at Minnesota	W
N. 15 Michigan State	W
N. 22 Iowa	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 23 Fresno State	W	23-21
A. 31 at UNLV	W	27-7
S. 7 West Virginia	W	34-17
S. 14 Northern Illinois	W	24-21
S. 21 Arizona	W	31-10
O. 5 Penn State	L	31-34
O. 12 at Indiana	L	29-32
O. 19 Ohio State	L	14-19
O. 26 at Michigan State	W	42-24
N. 2 at Iowa	L	3-20
N. 9 Illinois	L	20-37
N. 16 at Michigan	L	14-21
N. 23 Minnesota	W	49-31
D. 28 #Colorado	W	31-28

#Alamo Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.6 ppg	66
Rushing	190.2 ypg	33
Passing	164.5 ypg	96
Total	354.7 ypg	83
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	38
Rushing	148.7 ypg	51
Passing	224.2 ypg	67
Total	372.9 ypg	63
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+18	+1.29	9

Head Coach: Barry Alvarez

2002 Record (Big Ten): 8-6 (2-6)

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Virginia Tech hokies

Offense

Virginia Tech's coaches are always talking about balance on offense, and how they'd like to mix in more passing with the running. It sounds good, but the Hokies always have been primarily a running team under Frank Beamer and probably always will be.

And what's wrong with that?

Junior tailback Kevin Jones has Heisman hopes, and a run at the trophy isn't out of the question if he stays healthy.

Both quarterbacks, junior Bryan Randall and freshman Marcus Vick, add another running threat. Randall threw for 165 yards and rushed for 132 against Miami last season.

Senior receiver Ernest Wilford's 51 catches in 2002 were a school record, and several were quite impressive. He'll draw plenty of attention from opposing defenses, and that's why the Hokies desperately need someone else to step up the way Wilford did last season.

Up front, Tech has made significant improvement, and significant improvement was necessary. Senior center Jake Grove is a major-leaguer.

If Tech does pass more, look for the tight ends (10 catches among three players last season) to become more involved. The Hokies experimented with sophomore Jeff King as an H-back in the spring.

Defense

Sophomore free safety Jimmy Williams and junior cornerbacks DeAngelo Hall and Vincent Fuller are all excellent. Junior cornerback Eric Green returns after missing last season with a knee injury. Senior cornerback Garnell Wilds led the Big East with five interceptions last season, though he wasn't a full-time starter.

24 Virginia Tech intercepted 24 passes last season. Players responsible for 19 of those interceptions return.

Injuries affected four of Tech's linemen and linebackers last season. A team that was once a brick wall against the run softened considerably. Senior linebacker Vegas Robinson hopes spring ankle surgery helps him play like he did early last season. Junior linebacker Mikal Baaqee hopes adding 15 pounds will help him endure a long season.

Senior ends Nathaniel Adibi and Cols Colas are both outstanding pass rushers. Everybody who played a down at tackle last year is back, led by starters Jason Lallis and Kevin Lewis.

Specialists

Assuming senior kicker Carter Warley's off-injured back holds up, Tech is in fine shape here. Junior punter Vinnie Burns is very good (a 40.5-yard average). Hall, who has exceptional speed, is a dangerous punter returner. He took two back for touchdowns last season.

Final Analysis

The same thing that kept Tech from an excellent season a year ago — breakdowns on the defensive line and at linebacker — could keep Tech from an excellent season in 2003.

Injuries and the toll of a long season left Tech much less effective on defense late in the season. The Hokies shut down early opponents like LSU, Texas A&M and Marshall. But Pittsburgh, Miami, West Virginia and Syracuse were able to run the Hokies silly.

If the defensive front holds up, Tech is a Top 10 team. The secondary is excellent. Free safety Williams has everyone excited, and cornerback Hall — who has overcome a back injury that hindered him late last season — is one of the nation's best.

The offense will be dangerous, particularly if another receiver steps forward.

Tech could finish anywhere from 8-4 to 12-0. An 11th straight bowl appearance is a virtual certainty, but the Hokies would like to be better than just another bowl team.

Big East Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #14



Kevin Jones

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 19 Ernest Wilford (Sr.)	81 Chris Shreve (Sr.)
FL 12 Richard Johnson (Jr.)	27 Justin Hamilton (So.)
LT 52 Jimmy Martin (So.)	61 Reggie Butler (So.)
LG 60 Jacob Gibson (Sr.)	66 Will Montgomery (So.)
C 64 Jake Grove (Sr.)	68 Robert Ramsey (Jr.)
RG 76 James Miller (Jr.)	72 Jason Murphy (So.)
RT 79 Jon Dunn (Jr.)	77 Brandon Gore (Fr.)
TE 86 Keith Willis (Sr.)	90 Jeff King (So.)
QB 3 Bryan Randall (Jr.)	5 Marcus Vick (Fr.)
TB 25 Kevin Jones (Jr.)	32 Cedric Humes (So.)
FB 43 Doug Easlick (Sr.)	32 Cedric Humes (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 83 Nathaniel Adibi (Sr.)	95 Jim Davis (Sr.)
DT 91 Jason Lallis (Jr.)	56 Jonathan Lewis (So.)
DT 70 Kevin Lewis (Jr.)	71 Tim Sandidge (So.)
DE 99 Cols Colas (Sr.)	96 Noland Burchette (Fr.)
OLB 48 Brandon Manning (Jr.)	42 James Anderson (So.)
ILB 45 Mikal Baaqee (Jr.)	33 Chad Cooper (Jr.)
ILB 6 Vegas Robinson (Sr.)	40 Blake Warren (So.)
CB 8 Vincent Fuller (Jr.)	1 Eric Green (Jr.)
CB 4 DeAngelo Hall (Jr.)	17 Garnell Wilds (Sr.)
FS 18 Jimmy F. Williams (So.)	31 Mike Daniels (Jr.)
ROV21 Michael Crawford (Sr.)	24 D.J. Walton (So.)

Special Teams

K 49 Carter Warley (Sr.)
P 38 Vinnie Burns (Jr.)
KR 12 Richard Johnson (Jr.)
PR 4 DeAngelo Hall (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Bryan Randall, 158-248-2, 134-11, 12 TDs
Rushing:	Kevin Jones, 160 car., 871 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Ernest Wilford, 51 rec., 925 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Mikal Baaqee, 112, 68 solo
Sacks:	Nathaniel Adibi, 9, Cols Colas, 9
Interceptions:	Garnell Wilds, 5 for 8 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 31 UCF	W
S. 6 James Madison	W
S. 18 Texas A&M	W
S. 27 Connecticut	W
O. 4 at Rutgers	W
O. 11 Syracuse	W
O. 22 at West Virginia	W
N. 1 Miami	*
N. 8 at Pittsburgh	*
N. 15 at Temple	W
N. 22 Boston College	W
N. 29 at Virginia	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 25 Arkansas State	W 63-7
S. 1 LSU	W 26-8
S. 12 Marshall	W 47-21
S. 21 at Texas A&M	W 13-3
S. 28 at Western Mich.	W 30-0
O. 10 at Boston Coll.	W 28-23
O. 19 Rutgers	W 35-14
O. 26 Temple	W 20-10
N. 2 Pittsburgh	L 21-28
N. 9 at Syracuse	L 42-50
N. 20 West Virginia	L 18-21
N. 30 Virginia	W 21-9
D. 7 at Miami	L 45-56
D. 31 #Air Force	W 20-13
#San Francisco Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.6 ppg	30
Rushing	212.4 ypg	19
Passing	159.2 ypg	99
Total	371.6 ypg	64
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.8 ppg	21
Rushing	121.4 ypg	29
Passing	213.6 ypg	56
Total	335.1 ypg	32
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.57	32

Head Coach: Frank Beamer

2002 Record (Big East): 10-4 (3-4)

Florida State seminoles

Offense

The days of blaming quarterback Chris Rix's inexperience for the team's struggles are finally over. With 21 starts, 4,418 passing yards and 37 touchdown passes under his belt, Rix is a seasoned veteran and is expected to play like one.

If the Seminoles can find capable replacements for four offensive line starters — and tackles Ray Willis and Alex Barron are experienced and capable — there should be no shortage of firepower at Rix's disposal. Senior tailback Greg Jones was on pace for a 1,000-yard rushing campaign before suffering a season-ending knee injury, but he is expected back at full speed at the start of the season. In Jones' absence, freshman Leon Washington ran for 273 yards, including 134 in a win at Florida. With fleet-footed redshirt freshman tailback Lorenzo Booker expected to make an immediate impact, FSU's running game should be stout.

ACC sprint champion Craphonso Thorpe and junior classmate P.K. Sam must step up to replace Anquan Boldin and Talman Gardner.

Defense

Florida State's mistake-prone offense has been the target of critics over the past two seasons, but the defense has been equally culpable, yielding averages of 362 yards and 23.5 points over that span.

Expect the Noles to halt that trend in 2003, as defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews welcomes the return of 11 starters and 25 letterwinners, led by seniors and third-year starting outside linebackers Michael Boulware and Kendyll Pope. Boulware and Pope have combined for 562 career tackles, four touchdowns,

10 interceptions, 23 pass breakups and 31 tackles for a loss, and are the heart of a unit expected to rank as one of the nation's best.

Though the Seminoles have paid a high price for their defensive inexperience over the past two seasons, Andrews has slowly been able to rebuild the team's depth. That alone should allow FSU to return to its once-lethal attacking style, maximizing its speed and numbers.

Replacing All-ACC defensive end Alonzo Jackson's team-leading 13 sacks and 19 quarterback hurries presents a significant challenge. Tackles Darnell Dockett and Jeff Womble lead a two-deep interior push, which should provide ample opportunities for ends Kevin Emanuel, Eric Moore and newcomer Chauncey Davis to get after opposing quarterbacks.

A strong push from the front seven should take some of the burden off of an intact secondary, led by senior cornerbacks Stanford Samuels and Rufus Brown, that ranked 85th nationally against the pass.

Specialists

Junior kicker Xavier Beitia (191 career points), a third-year starter, is 32-of-42 on field goal attempts and has a streak of 77 successful PATs. The Noles are hopeful sophomore punter Chris Hall can step in and replace two-year starter Chance Gwaltney. Washington is one of the nation's most dangerous returners.

Final Analysis

Bobby Bowden has placed an emphasis on finding leaders after last year's season of discontent. Team chemistry has become a priority as the defending ACC champions go after their 11th league title in 12 seasons. Though the ACC is stronger than ever, the Seminoles have no shortage of physical talent capable of delivering another title. Where the Noles fit on the national stage will play out against a brutal non-conference schedule, including Colorado, Miami, Notre Dame and Florida.

ACC Prediction: 2nd

National Forecast: #15



Greg Jones

Mark Friedman

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	81 P.K. Sam (Jr.)	26 Willie Reid (So.)
FL	1 Craphonso Thorpe (Jr.)	21 Dominic Robinson (Jr.)
ST	70 Alex Barron (Jr.)	62 Cory Niblock (Fr.)
SG	64 Matt Meinrod (So.)	57 Matt Heinz (So.)
C	63 David Castillo (Jr.)	60 A. Henry-Kennon (So.)
TG	73 Bobby Meeks (Jr.)	65 Eric Broe (So.)
TT	77 Ray Willis (Jr.)	72 Ron Lunford (So.)
TE	38 Paul Irons (Jr.)	14 Matt Henshaw (So.)
QB	16 Chris Rix (Jr.)	12 Fabian Walker (Jr.)
FB	35 B.J. Dean (So.)	20 Torrance Washington (So.)
TB	6 Greg Jones (Sr.)	3 Leon Washington (So.)

Defense (11)

DE	90 Kevin Emanuel (Sr.)	94 Chauncey Davis (Jr.)
DT	45 Darnell Dockett (Sr.)	52 Brodrick Bunkley (So.)
NG	91 Jeff Womble (Sr.)	99 Travis Johnson (Jr.)
DE	55 Eric Moore (Jr.)	59 Charles Howard (Jr.)
SLB	58 Michael Boulware (Sr.)	56 Ray Piquion (Jr.)
MLB	40 Allen Augustin (Sr.)	44 Sam McGrew (So.)
WLB	9 Kendyll Pope (Sr.)	54 A.J. Nicholson (So.)
CB	10 Stanford Samuels (Sr.)	32 Leroy Smith (Jr.)
CB	7 Rufus Brown (Sr.)	8 Bryant McFadden (Jr.)
FS	24 B.J. Ward (Jr.)	22 Pat Watkins (So.)
RV	23 Jerome Carter (Jr.)	41 Kyle Hall (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	47 Xavier Beitia (Jr.)
P	31 Chris Hall (So.)
KR	3 Leon Washington (So.)
PR	3 Leon Washington (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Chris Rix, 118-225-1,684-7, 13 TDs
Rushing:	Greg Jones, 161 car., 938 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Craphonso Thorpe, 17 rec., 377 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Kendyll Pope, 131, 68 solo
Sacks:	Kevin Emanuel, 4, Travis Johnson, 4
Interceptions:	Stanford Samuels, 3 for 91 yds., Bryant McFadden, 3 for 8 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

10.5 Former FSU QBs Casey Weldon, Charlie Ward, Danny Kanell and Thad Busby averaged 10.5 wins as redshirt junior starters. Chris Rix is a redshirt junior.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at North Carolina	W
S. 6	Maryland	*
S. 13	Georgia Tech	W
S. 20	Colorado	W
S. 27	at Duke	W
O. 11	Miami	L
O. 18	at Virginia	*
O. 25	Wake Forest	W
N. 1	at Notre Dame	*
N. 8	at Clemson	W
N. 15	NC State	*
N. 29	at Florida	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24	at Iowa State	W	38-31
A. 31	Virginia	W	40-19
S. 14	at Maryland	W	37-10
S. 21	Duke	W	48-17
S. 26	at Louisville	L	20-26
O. 3	Clemson	W	48-31
O. 12	at Miami	L	27-28
O. 26	Notre Dame	L	24-34
N. 2	at Wake Forest	W	34-21
N. 9	at Georgia Tech	W	21-13
N. 16	North Carolina	W	40-14
N. 23	at NC State	L	7-17
N. 30	Florida	W	31-14
J. 1	#Georgia	L	13-26
	#Sugar Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	30.6 ppg	32
Rushing	187.0 ypg	35
Passing	211.1 ypg	62
Total	398.1 ypg	32
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	21.5 ppg	32
Rushing	130.8 ypg	36
Passing	235.2 ypg	85
Total	366.0 ypg	61
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+11	+0.79	19

Head Coach: Bobby Bowden

2002 Record (ACC): 9-5 (7-1)

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Oregon State beavers

Offense

Junior quarterback Derek Anderson was inconsistent as a first-year starter but still threw for a school-record 25 touchdowns and 3,313 yards. Experience, and new coach Mike Riley's emphasis on intermediate-range routes, should help him significantly raise a sub-par 47 percent completion average.

Junior tailback Steven Jackson smashed predecessor Ken Simonton's single-season record by rushing for 1,690 yards and proved himself to be a workhorse by averaging 33.6 carries during a 4-1 stretch drive that propelled OSU to the Insight Bowl. He was also an able blocker and receiver (17 catches for 165 yards).

Senior flanker James Newson is one of the Pac-10's best, but consistent running mates must be found so he can escape the double- and triple-coverage he often faced during a solid junior season (74 catches, 1,284 yards, 12 TDs). Newson, who contemplated leaving for the NFL, is poised to surpass the school records for career catches and receiving touchdowns.

Projected offensive line regulars Brian Kilkenny, David Lose, Matt Brock, Kanan Sanchez and Doug Nienhuis each started at least five games last season and should progress with a year of experience.

Defense

Senior starters Dwan Edwards and Noah Happe and junior Bill Swancutt are back. They'll be bolstered by the return of senior Dan Rothwell, who was ticketed for a starting job in 2002 until a fall camp knee injury knocked him out for the entire season.

Richard Seigler is a force at middle line-

backer, the team's emotional leader and anchor of a unit that features new starters on the strong (Seth Lacey) and weak (Jonathan Pollard) sides.

The secondary is a real concern as the Beavers must find new starters at cornerback and backup help at safety following the graduation of three veteran starters. The starting safeties are solid — junior two-year starter Mitch Meeuwsen and senior strong safety Lawrence Turner, a 2002 starter.

Specialists

Walk-on senior Kirk Yliniemi unseated incumbent Ryan Cesca, made 15-of-16 field goals and 45-of-46 extra points and earned a scholarship. He'll also kick off.

Senior Carl Tobey will punt for the third year in a row and needs to continue the progress he made as a junior, when his average (40.3) and hang-time improved.

Final Analysis

Six years ago Riley would have been canonized for leading Oregon State to a bowl game in his first stint as the Beavers' head coach. Now Riley — who returned to his hometown in February after Dennis Erickson split for the San Francisco 49ers — will be soundly criticized if the Beavers don't end up in a postseason game for the fourth time in the past five years.

"The goals are different now, there's no question about that," says Riley, who went 8-14 at OSU in 1997-98 before leaving for the San Diego Chargers. "This group got to the point where you can talk about winning the Rose Bowl. Back then you could pretend that it was possible, but it wasn't."

This time Riley inherits a Pac-10 contender, not a massive rebuilding job. The Beavers have seven home games and a favorable non-league schedule and should be poised to go bowling for the fourth time in the past five seasons, a mind-boggling accomplishment considering their 1971-98 legacy of ineptitude.

Pac-10 Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #16

Steven Jackson



Sam Jordan

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE 17 Jayson Boyd (So.)	6 George Gillett (Jr.)
FL 2 James Newson (Sr.)	82 Josh Hawkins (So.)
SL 1 Kenny Farley (Sr.)	8 Cole Clasen (Jr.)
LT 62 Brian Kilkenny (Sr.)	68 Jake Pratt (So.)
LG 75 David Lose (Sr.)	66 Matt Davis (Sr.)
C 73 Matt Brock (Jr.)	74 Jason Fyda (So.)
RG 55 Kanan Sanchez (Jr.)	78 Brent Bridges (Jr.)
RT 65 Doug Nienhuis (Jr.)	69 Josh Linehan (Fr.)
TE 84 Tim Euhus (Sr.)	83 Dan Haines (So.)
QB 14 Derek Anderson (Jr.)	12 Adam Rothenfluh (Jr.)
TB 34 Steven Jackson (Jr.)	29 Dwight Wright (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 91 Noah Happe (Sr.)	47 Jayson Jean-Baptiste (Sr.)
DT 95 Henry Anderson (So.)	93 Derek Hall (So.)
DT 98 Dwan Edwards (Sr.)	94 Chris Scott (So.)
DE 90 Bill Swancutt (Jr.)	59 Dan Rothwell (Sr.)
SLB 50 Seth Lacey (Jr.)	37 Ryan Kanekeberg (Jr.)
MLB51 Richard Seigler (Sr.)	44 Trent Bray (So.)
WLB40 Jonathan Pollard (Jr.)	4 Jason Lowe (Sr.)
CB 9 Shamon Jamerson (Sr.)	39 Brandon Browner (Fr.)
CB 8 Aric Williams (Jr.)	23 Jamaal Jackson (So.)
SS 7 Lawrence Turner (Sr.)	6 Harvey Whiten (So.)
FS 5 Mitch Meeuwsen (Jr.)	31 Brandon Catanese (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 46 Kirk Yliniemi (Sr.)
P 48 Carl Tobey (Sr.)
KR 29 Dwight Wright (Jr.)
PR 8 Aric Williams (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Derek Anderson, 211-449-3,313-13, 25 TDs
Rushing:	Steven Jackson, 319 car., 1,690 yds., 15 TDs
Receiving:	James Newson, 74 rec., 1,284 yds., 12 TDs
Tackles:	Richard Seigler, 99, 55 solo
Sacks:	Bill Swancutt, 11.5
Interceptions:	Mitch Meeuwsen, 5 for 26 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

100.2 The Beavers led the nation by averaging 100.2 yards per game in penalties, and opponents received 49 first downs via penalty.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Sacramento State	W
S. 6 at Fresno State	*
S. 13 New Mexico St.	W
S. 20 Boise State	W
S. 27 Arizona State	W
O. 4 at California	W
O. 18 Washington	*
O. 25 at Washington St.	W
N. 1 Arizona	W
N. 15 Stanford	W
N. 22 at Oregon	*
D. 6 at USC	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 E. Kentucky	W	49-10
S. 5 at Temple	W	35-3
S. 14 UNLV	W	47-17
S. 21 Fresno State	W	59-19
S. 28 at USC	L	0-22
O. 5 UCLA	L	35-43
O. 12 at Arizona State	L	9-13
O. 26 California	W	24-13
N. 2 Arizona	W	38-3
N. 9 at Washington	L	29-41
N. 16 at Stanford	W	31-21
N. 23 Oregon	W	45-24
D. 26 #Pittsburgh	L	13-38
#Insight Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.9 ppg	26
Rushing	148.7 ypg	56
Passing	262.6 ypg	25
Total	411.3 ypg	20
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.5 ppg	27
Rushing	94.2 ypg	9
Passing	199.3 ypg	39
Total	293.5 ypg	11
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	27

Head Coach: Mike Riley

2002 Record (Pac-10): 8-5 (4-4)

Maryland

terrapins

Offense

Maryland welcomes back six offensive starters from an 11-3 team that beat Tennessee 30-3 in the Peach Bowl. Senior Scott McBrien is the first returning starting quarterback in Ralph Friedgen's brief tenure. He emerged as a threat passing and running during the latter half of last season, particularly after coaches scrapped traditional option plays in favor of a limited package out of the shotgun. With an off-season to sharpen his skills and further master Friedgen's complicated schemes, McBrien could be poised for a big season.

"Obviously, it's a real comfortable feeling from a coaching standpoint, and I think it's good for our team to know who the leader is and respect him," Friedgen said. "Scottie has learned from last year, how he started to how he ended. I think there are still areas he can get better, and I think Scott does, too."

Friedgen believes Bruce Perry is back to the form he displayed as a sophomore in 2001, when he rushed for 1,242 yards, was named ACC Offensive Player of the Year and was one of three finalists for the Doak Walker Award.

After being sidelined by abdominal, groin and shoulder injuries for much of last season, Perry participated in a full series of off-season workouts and pronounced himself "100 percent."

Perhaps the biggest issue for an offense that has set school records for single-season points scored in each of the past two seasons is up front, where center Kyle Schmitt and tackle Stephon Heyer will try to replace four-year starters Todd Wike and Matt Crawford.

1 Maryland has lost just one home game in the two-year Ralph Friedgen era. The Terrapins are 13-1 at Byrd Stadium under the Fridge and have drawn capacity crowds four times. Maryland was 14-16 at home with no sellouts in the previous five seasons.

Defense

The question on defense is simple: Can the Terrapins replace all-world middle linebacker E.J. Henderson? "That won't be easy," Friedgen says. "There are a lot of guys who want to play that position now. I keep telling them it's the player, not the position."

Leon Joe, a two-year starter at weak-side linebacker, got the first crack in spring practice. Friedgen, however, was hesitant to make the move permanent. It appears more likely that sophomore D'Qwell Jackson will move inside. Freshman Wesley Jefferson might even get a shot.

Otherwise, Maryland looks to be in excellent shape, with nine returning defensive starters, led by free safety Madiou Williams and defensive tackle Randy Starks, both of whom have big-play potential.

Specialists

Maryland's recent success was buoyed by one of the nation's best sets of specialists, all of whom were first-team All-ACC in 2002. Punter Brooks Barnard has moved on to the NFL, but kicker Nick Novak returns. Steve Suter was outstanding returning both kicks (24.8-yard average) and punts (13.8, four touchdowns). Redshirt freshman Adam Podlesh was recruited to be Barnard's successor. Now he gets his chance.

Final Analysis

While there are a few key concerns, all of the ingredients are in place for Maryland to make a run at its second ACC title in the past three seasons. "We have some players," Friedgen says. "It's just a matter of whether we can keep our focus. Keep the 'we' in and the 'I' out. That's what I always worry about."

The schedule could be the Terps' biggest problem. Maryland hosts Virginia, but plays the other two ACC heavyweights (Florida State and NC State) on the road. The Terps' trip to Raleigh on Nov. 22 could determine the league champion.

ACC Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #17



Bruce Perry

Bill Wood

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	4 Latrez Harrison (Sr.)	19 Jafar Williams (Sr.)
WR	34 Steve Suter (Jr.)	85 Dan Melendez (So.)
SL	22 Rich Parson (Jr.)	20 Jo Jo Walker (So.)
LT	70 Stephon Heyer (So.)	78 Ryan Flynn (Jr.)
LG	74 C.J. Brooks (Jr.)	77 Russell Bonham (So.)
C	72 Kyle Schmitt (Jr.)	68 Ryan McDonald (So.)
RG	73 Lamar Bryant (Sr.)	60 Akil Patterson (So.)
RT	75 Eric Dumas (Sr.)	79 Lou Lombardo (Jr.)
TE	82 Jeff Dugan (Sr.)	86 Brad Schell (Fr.)
QB	7 Scott McBrien (Sr.)	16 Joel Statham (Fr.)
TB	1 Bruce Perry (Sr.)	33 Josh Allen (So.)

Defense (9)

DE	54 Scott Smith (Sr.)	41 Kevin Eli (Jr.)
NT	96 C.J. Feldheim (Sr.)	64 Justin Duffie (So.)
DT	57 Randy Starks (Jr.)	99 Landon Jones (Sr.)
LEO	49 Jamahl Cochran (Jr.)	45 Shawne Merriman (So.)
LB	32 Leon Joe (Sr.)	52 D'Qwell Jackson (So.)
LB	52 D'Qwell Jackson (So.)	45 Shawne Merriman (So.)
LB	24 Leroy Ambush (Sr.)	58 Ricardo Dickerson (So.)
CB	6 Domonique Foxworth (Jr.)	17 Reuben Haigler (Sr.)
CB	30 Curome Cox (Sr.)	37 Jamal Chance (Sr.)
SS	13 Dennard Wilson (Sr.)	23 Andrew Smith, Jr. (Sr.)
FS	10 Madiou Williams (Sr.)	26 Raymond Custis (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	46 Nick Novak (Jr.)
P	36 Adam Podlesh (Fr.)
KR	34 Steve Suter (Jr.)
PR	34 Steve Suter (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Scott McBrien, 162-284-2,497-10, 15 TDs
Rushing:	Bruce Perry, 72 car., 341 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Jafar Williams, 28 rec., 562 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Leon Joe, 103, 74 solo
Sacks:	Randy Starks, 6.5
Interceptions:	Domonique Foxworth, 5 for 64 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at No. Illinois	W
S. 6	at Florida State	*
S. 13	The Citadel	W
S. 20	West Virginia	W
S. 27	at E. Michigan	W
O. 4	Clemson	W
O. 11	Duke	W
O. 23	at Georgia Tech	W
N. 1	North Carolina	W
N. 13	Virginia	*
N. 22	at NC State	*
N. 29	at Wake Forest	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Notre Dame	L	0-22
S. 7	Akron	W	44-14
S. 14	Florida State	L	10-37
S. 21	E. Michigan	W	45-3
S. 28	Wofford	W	37-8
O. 5	at W. Virginia	W	48-17
O. 17	Georgia Tech	W	34-10
O. 26	at Duke	W	45-12
N. 2	at N. Carolina	W	59-7
N. 9	NC State	W	24-21
N. 16	at Clemson	W	30-12
N. 23	at Virginia	L	13-48
N. 30	Wake Forest	W	32-14
D. 31	#Tennessee	W	30-3
	#Peach Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.2 ppg	21
Rushing	198.8 ypg	28
Passing	190.6 ypg	75
Total	389.4 ypg	41
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	7
Rushing	128.6 ypg	34
Passing	210.1 ypg	52
Total	338.8 ypg	36
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+.07	58

Head Coach: Ralph Friedgen

2002 Record (ACC): 11-3 (6-2)

LSU tigers

Offense

In the spring, Matt Mauck's lack of mobility due to last season's foot injury became a bonus. For the first time, he was forced to become a drop-back passer, patiently staying in the pocket and not taking off at the first sign of pressure.

"The things I had to improve on — dropping back, staying in the pocket, throwing the ball downfield — what happened to my foot probably helped," says Mauck.

There shouldn't be a drop-off at running back, even with the departures of Domanick Davis and LaBrandon Toefield. The new dynamic duo is powerful sophomore Joseph Addai and converted junior wide receiver Shyrone Carey. Addai came on strong late last year, finishing with 438 yards and four touchdowns. Carey (5'6", 185) runs under the radar.

The Tigers have three solid receivers in Michael Clayton, Devery Henderson and Skyler Green. Even with LSU's quarterback woes last year, Clayton still caught 57 passes for 749 yards and five touchdowns.

The offensive line has four returning starters, and there is dependable depth. Sophomore Terrell McGill is the only new face.

Defense

To repeat or improve on last year's solid defensive performance, some new linebackers and a defensive back or two must emerge.

Defensive lineman Chad Lavalais is a dominating 6'3", 289-pound specimen with tremendous hand strength, quick feet and speed. In the last two seasons, he's had 37 quarterback hurries.

Junior Lionel Turner, no slouch himself last season, is the lone returning linebacker in the 4-3 alignment. Jason LeDoux is in James' vacated position, and Eric Alexander is the starter on the

16 LSU allowed a league-low 16 sacks, partially due to good blocking and partially due to mobile quarterbacks.

weak side. Saban wants his linebackers to be more vocal.

In the secondary, three starters are gone, including All-SEC cornerback Demetrius Hookfin and strong safety Norman LeJeune, whose 15 tackles for a loss ranked fourth in the SEC last season.

Senior cornerback Corey Webster, All-SEC last season when he led the league with seven interceptions, is the lone shred of stability in the secondary. He played more physically in the spring when some new faces stepped up.

Travis Daniels can play either corner or safety, and the emergence of Ronnie Prude at cornerback will allow Saban more flexibility with Daniels. Also, Saban is trying different combinations of players at cornerback and safety. Offensive players Clayton and freshman running back Justin Vincent saw some spring practice time with the defense.

Specialists

The Tigers are on the lookout for a new kicker. For now, Saban is banking on freshman Andre Boagni. As unsettled as placekicker is for the Tigers, the punting situation is the exact opposite. Senior Donnie Jones ranked fifth in the nation last season and second in the SEC, averaging 44 yards per punt.

Final Analysis

If LSU wants to regain the swagger it had two years ago when it won the SEC championship, the Tigers need to duplicate that season's game-to-game approach. Last year's pre-season expectations overwhelmed LSU.

The Tigers should have a balanced attack with a veteran line, a nice set of backs and a big-game receiver. The defense must find adequate linebackers and safeties to replace losses, and a placekicker has to show up. Saban's fourth Tiger team can, at the very least, better the 5-3 league record it had in each of his previous three seasons.

SEC West Prediction: 2nd National Forecast: #18

Matt Mauck



Al Koolstra

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 14 Michael Clayton (Jr.)	17 Bennie Brazell (So.)
WR 9 Devery Henderson (Sr.)	5 Skyler Green (So.)
LT 76 Andrew Whitworth (So.)	78 Paris Hodges (Fr.)
LG 68 Terrell McGill (So.)	75 Brian Johnson (Fr.)
C 55 Ben Wilkerson (Jr.)	64 Rudy Niswanger (So.)
RG 72 Stephen Peterman (Sr.)	59 Doug Planchard (Fr.)
RT 60 Rodney Reed (Sr.)	71 Nate Livings (So.)
TE 47 Eric Edwards (Sr.)	88 Demetri Robinson (Jr.)
QB 18 Matt Mauck (Jr.)	12 Marcus Randall (Jr.)
RB 10 Joseph Addai (So.)	2 Shyrone Carey (Jr.)
FB 49 Brandon Hurley (So.)	34 Kevin Steltz (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 84 Marcus Spears (Jr.)	90 Melvin Oliver (So.)
DT 95 Kyle Williams (So.)	97 Brandon Washington (So.)
DT 93 Chad Lavalais (Sr.)	98 Torran Williams (Sr.)
DE 94 Marquise Hill (Jr.)	92 Bruce Wyatt (Sr.)
SLB 58 Lionel Turner (Jr.)	57 Dave Peterson (Sr.)
MLB 99 Jason LeDoux (Sr.)	45 Willie Demps (Fr.)
WLB 27 Eric Alexander (Sr.)	46 Cameron Vaughn (So.)
CB 13 Corey Webster (Sr.)	29 Travis Daniels (Jr.)
CB 21 Randall Gay (Sr.)	1 Ronnie Prude (Jr.)
SS 7 Adrian Mayes (Sr.)	6 Ryan Gilbert (So.)
FS 8 Jack Hunt (Sr.)	29 Travis Daniels (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 33 Andre Boagni (Fr.)
P 80 Donnie Jones (Sr.)
KR 9 Devery Henderson (Sr.)
PR 2 Shyrone Carey (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Marcus Randall, 87-181-1, 173-5, 7 TDs
Rushing:	Joseph Addai, 80 car., 438 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Michael Clayton, 57 rec., 749 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles:	Lionel Turner, 71, 39 solo
Sacks:	Melvin Oliver, 5.5
Interceptions:	Corey Webster, 7 for 75 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 UL-Monroe	W
S. 6 at Arizona	W
S. 13 Western Illinois	W
S. 20 Georgia	*
S. 27 at Miss. State	W
O. 11 Florida	*
O. 18 at South Carolina	W
O. 25 Auburn	L
N. 1 Louisiana Tech	W
N. 15 at Alabama	*
N. 22 at Ole Miss	W
N. 29 Arkansas	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 1 at Virginia Tech	L 8-26
S. 7 The Citadel	W 35-10
S. 14 Miami (OH)	W 33-7
S. 28 Miss. State	W 31-13
O. 5 UL-Lafayette	W 48-0
O. 12 at Florida	W 36-7
O. 19 South Carolina	W 38-14
O. 26 at Auburn	L 7-31
N. 9 at Kentucky	W 33-30
N. 16 Alabama	L 0-31
N. 23 Ole Miss	W 14-13
N. 29 at Arkansas	L 20-21
J. 1 #Texas	L 20-35
#Cotton Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.9 ppg	75
Rushing	196.9 ypg	29
Passing	153.1 ypg	102
Total	350.0 ypg	86
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	15
Rushing	134.1 ypg	40
Passing	152.7 ypg	2
Total	286.8 ypg	8
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	67

Head Coach: Nick Saban

2002 Record (SEC): 8-5 (5-3)

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Purdue boilermakers

Offense

Purdue's one-back, spread offense, which led the Big Ten last season averaging 452.2 yards per game, should be just as productive in 2003 thanks to the return of nine starters.

Quarterback Kyle Orton, the MVP of the Sun Bowl, beat out Brandon Kirsch in the spring for the starting duties. Over the last seven games of the 2002 season, Orton completed a staggering 70.9 percent of his passes (83-of-117). Kirsch started four games as a true freshman last fall.

Orton has the stronger arm of the two, but Kirsch is a much better scrambler. "We've always felt it would be nice if we had more than one quarterback, but we never had that luxury," coach Joe Tiller says. "Now we find ourselves with what we believe to be two very capable guys. What a huge plus that is."

Behind Orton will be 1,000-yard rusher Joey Harris, who paced Purdue with 1,115 yards rushing to go along with eight touchdowns.

John Standeford and Taylor Stubblefield, the Big Ten's top two receivers, also return. Standeford was one of 10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award last season and is positioned to become Purdue's most prolific receiver ever. Stubblefield was No. 1 in the Big Ten and ranked seventh nationally with 7.7 receptions per game.

Three starters on the offensive line must be replaced. Kelly Butler, who has started all 25 games of his career at right tackle, is the headliner. The average size of Purdue's starting line is 6'5", 293 pounds.

Defense

The Purdue defense that ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten in total defense, allowing 317.2 yards

4.3 *Purdue's six losses in 2002 were by a combined 26 points. That's an average of 4.3 points per game.*

per game, returns nine starters. "We could really be a good crew," defensive coordinator Brock Spack says.

Free safety Stuart Schweigert may be the best of the bunch. A Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist the last two seasons, Schweigert, the school's all-time leader in interceptions, hopes to become Purdue's first consensus All-American on defense since Rod Woodson.

Purdue will start three seniors at linebacker, led by first-team All-Big Ten pick Niko Koutouvides in the middle. Koutouvides and outside linebackers Gilbert Gardner and Landon Johnson have combined to start 69 games during their careers and could form one of the most productive linebacking corps in the nation.

Defensive end Shaun Phillips is one of Purdue's finest pass rushers ever.

Specialists

Although kicker Berin Lacevic, who suffered through a nightmarish 2002 season, returns, his days as the No. 1 kicker are probably numbered. Ben Jones, who transferred from Butler, has a much stronger leg and proved to be more accurate during the spring.

Brent Slaton will handle the punting duties.

Final Analysis

Purdue's schedule might be its biggest enemy. Seven of the Boilermakers' 12 regular-season foes played in bowl games a year ago. Road tilts against Wisconsin, Ohio State and Michigan will likely have an enormous effect on what kind of year Purdue has. History certainly isn't on the Boilermakers' side. Since 1967, Purdue is 1-12 in Columbus and 0-15 in Ann Arbor. Big Ten championship hopes will also hinge on the Boilers' special teams play and their ability to cut down on turnovers.

Even if Purdue falls short of its goal of a league title, this team will likely be playing on New Year's Day.

Big Ten Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #19

Stuart
Schweigert



Steve Wollmann

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 82 John Standeford (Sr.)	20 Andre Chattsams (Fr.)
WR 21 Taylor Stubblefield (Jr.)	4 Anthony Chambers (Sr.)
WR 2 Ray Williams (So.)	80 Jamaal Wilson (Sr.)
LT 65 Mike Otto (Fr.)	63 David Owen (Jr.)
LG 56 Matt Turner (So.)	75 Brian Wang (So.)
C 61 Nick Hardwick (Sr.)	74 Nick Filipauskis (Sr.)
RG 50 Tyler Moore (Jr.)	78 Josh Tomscheck (So.)
RT 71 Kelly Butler (Jr.)	73 Ryan Davis (So.)
TE 87 Charles Davis (So.)	43 Jeff Bennett (So.)
QB 18 Kyle Orton (Jr.)	11 Brandon Kirsch (So.)
RB 25 Joey Harris (Sr.)	27 Brandon Jones (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 15 Shaun Phillips (Sr.)	62 Vedran Dzolovic (Sr.)
DT 92 Craig Terrill (Sr.)	55 Brandon Villarreal (So.)
DT 58 Brent Grover (So.)	94 Dontrey Flemings (So.)
DE 40 Kevin Nesfield (Sr.)	57 Brent Hawkins (So.)
WLB47 Landon Johnson (Sr.)	52 Jason Leimberger (So.)
MLB34 Niko Koutouvides (Sr.)	44 Jon Goldsberry (Jr.)
SLB 16 Gilbert Gardner (Sr.)	39 Bobby Iwuchukwu (So.)
CB 28 Jacques Reeves (Sr.)	24 Sean Petty (So.)
CB 12 Antwaun Rogers (Jr.)	33 Brian Hickman (So.)
FS 9 Stuart Schweigert (Sr.)	19 Marc Huddleston (So.)
SS 6 Deaunte Ferrell (Sr.)	36 Torrey Vogel (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 26 Berin Lacevic (Sr.)
P 46 Brent Slaton (Sr.)
KR 4 Anthony Chambers (Sr.)
PR 4 Anthony Chambers (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Kyle Orton, 192-317-2,257-9, 13 TDs
Rushing:	Joey Harris, 250 car., 1,115 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Taylor Stubblefield, 77 rec., 789 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Niko Koutouvides, 121, 80 solo
Sacks:	Shaun Phillips, 6
Interceptions:	Niko Koutouvides, 3 for 21 yds., Jacques Reeves, 3 for 15 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 6	Bowling Green	W
S. 13	at Wake Forest	W
S. 20	Arizona	W
S. 27	Notre Dame	*
O. 4	Illinois	W
O. 11	Penn State	W
O. 18	at Wisconsin	*
O. 25	at Michigan	*
N. 1	Northwestern	W
N. 8	Iowa	W
N. 15	at Ohio State	L
N. 22	at Indiana	W

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Illinois State	W	51-10
S. 7	at Notre Dame	L	17-24
S. 14	W. Michigan	W	28-24
S. 21	Wake Forest	L	21-24
S. 28	Minnesota	W	28-15
O. 5	at Iowa	L	28-31
O. 12	at Illinois	L	31-38
O. 19	Michigan	L	21-23
O. 26	at Northwestern	W	42-13
N. 9	Ohio State	L	6-10
N. 16	at Michigan St.	W	45-42
N. 23	Indiana	W	34-10
D. 31	#Washington	W	34-24
	#Sun Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.7 ppg	40
Rushing	196.5 ypg	30
Passing	255.7 ypg	31
Total	452.2 ypg	7
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.2 ppg	35
Rushing	116.2 ypg	23
Passing	201.0 ypg	40
Total	317.2 ypg	20
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-10	-0.77	94

Head Coach: Joe Tiller

2002 Record (Big Ten): 7-6 (4-4)

Florida gators

Offense

Now that Rex Grossman has followed Steve Spurrier to the NFL, Florida's running game could evolve from mere component to cornerstone of the Gators' offense in 2003.

Though four promising youngsters are vying to replace Grossman at quarterback, only one of the four — sophomore Ingle Martin — has taken snaps in a college game. Meantime, senior Ran Carthon leads a stable of tailbacks as talented as any in the SEC.

The receiving corps includes a blend of veterans and heralded youngsters led by seniors Carlos Perez and Kelvin Kight, who teamed for 43 catches in the final four regular-season games of 2002.

Sophomore Dallas Baker, who sat out last season as a partial qualifier, and incoming Parade All-Americans Andre Caldwell and Chad Jackson, could overshadow the veterans — if someone can get them the ball.

The offensive line, last season's liability, could be this year's strength. There's experience and depth galore.

Defense

The Gators lost eight starters and coordinator John Thompson from last year's unit. Former UF assistant Charlie Strong, who spent the past four seasons running Lou Holtz's defense at South Carolina, replaces Thompson.

Strong, a prime head coaching candidate whose tenure in Gainesville is expected to be brief, will enter the season with two new tackles, one rookie cornerback and potentially three freshman linebackers.

The interior linemen on Florida's roster have

10 Florida quarterbacks have a combined 10 career pass attempts, the lowest total entering a season since the Reagan Administration. Sophomore Ingle Martin has attempted all 10.

combined for one career tackle. While veteran ends Bobby McCray and Darrell Lee are solid, depth at the position is suspect. Two true freshmen could get extensive time at linebacker. The projected free safety, fifth-year senior Daryl Dixon, missed the entire 2002 season recovering from shoulder surgery.

Specialists

Florida's special teams were a laughingstock last season. Exemplifying the mess was the 41-34 home win against Kentucky, when the Wildcats scored on a punt and kickoff return, and had two other touchdowns set up by a fumbled long snap and blocked punt. Martin, who averaged 35.2 yards on 46 punts, is out. Walk-on punters Sean Morton and Jason Hunter, both of whom struggled last season, battled for the job in the spring but could be overtaken by incoming freshman Eric Wilbur.

Junior placekicker Matt Leach, who missed five extra points and converted only two field goals longer than 40 yards last season, also returns.

Final Analysis

Florida's 2003 hopes hinge on so many variables, it's difficult to project the Gators as anything more than a darkhorse in the SEC race. First, a quarterback must not only separate himself from the pack of contenders, but he must also emerge in time to get the majority of pre-season snaps. Additionally, a go-to receiver must step up, the young defensive front must jell in a hurry, and the punters must prove they can get more distance than Florida's shotputters.

Then there's Zook, a second-year head coach frequently questioned for his game management last year. Zook's decision-making will be scrutinized more heavily this season — by more observers. A \$50 million renovation to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium recently was completed. Question is, can the product Zook puts on Florida Field keep those new skyboxes filled?

SEC East Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #20



Keiwan Ratliff

Courtland Richards

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 23 Carlos Perez (Sr.)	16 Vernell Brown (So.)
WR 2 Kelvin Kight (Sr.)	81 Dallas Baker (So.)
WR 11 O.J. Small (Jr.)	49 Terrance Holmes (Fr.)
LT 77 Max Starks (Sr.)	Tavarus Washington (Jr.)
LG 75 Shannon Snell (Sr.)	Anthony Guerrero (Jr.)
C 68 Mike Degory (So.)	Bill Griffin (Jr.)
RG 61 Mo Mitchell (Jr.)	71 Ryan Carter (Fr.)
RT 72 Lance Butler (So.)	74 Randy Hand (So.)
TE 84 Ben Troupe (Sr.)	David Kenner (Jr.)
QB 10 Ingle Martin (So.)	17 Gavin Dickey (Fr.)
FB 41 Ray Snell (Jr.)	45 Eddie Hatch (So.)
TB 33 Ran Carthon (Sr.)	20 DeShawn Wynn (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 86 Darrell Lee (Sr.)	93 Steven Harris (Fr.)
DT 91 Sylvester McGrew (So.)	Eric Holcombe (Jr.)
DT 58 Kenny Parker (Jr.)	62 Ronald Dowdy (Jr.)
DE 57 Bobby McCray (Sr.)	27 Travis Harris (Jr.)
SLB 7 Brian Crum (Fr.)	29 Dwright Jackson (Sr.)
MLB 47 Todd McCullough (Jr.)	92 Taurean Charles (Fr.)
WLB Channing Crowder (Fr.)	29 Dwright Jackson (Sr.)
CB 24 Deshaun Carter (So.)	31 Johnny Lamar (Sr.)
CB 1 Keiwan Ratliff (Sr.)	36 Nick Brooks (Fr.)
SS 9 Guss Scott (Sr.)	7 Cory Bailey (Jr.)
FS 34 Daryl Dixon (Sr.)	46 Jarvis Herring (So.)

Special Teams

K 14 Matt Leach (Jr.)
P 92 Sean Morton (Sr.)
KR 33 Ran Carthon (Sr.)
PR 1 Keiwan Ratliff (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Ingle Martin, 7-10-96-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Ran Carthon, 105 car., 563 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Carlos Perez, 58 rec., 591 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Guss Scott, 102, 69 solo
Sacks:	Bobby McCray, 2.3
Interceptions:	Guss Scott, 2 for 62 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	San Jose State	W
S. 6	at Miami	L
S. 13	Florida A&M	W
S. 20	Tennessee	*
S. 27	at Kentucky	W
O. 4	Ole Miss	W
O. 11	at LSU	*
O. 18	at Arkansas	*
N. 1	#Georgia	L
N. 8	Vanderbilt	W
N. 15	at South Carolina	W
N. 29	Florida State	*
	#Jacksonville	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	UAB	W	51-3
S. 7	Miami	L	16-41
S. 14	Ohio	W	34-6
S. 21	at Tennessee	W	30-13
S. 28	Kentucky	W	41-34
O. 5	at Ole Miss	L	14-17
O. 12	LSU	L	7-36
O. 19	Auburn	W	30-23
N. 2	@Georgia	W	20-13
N. 9	at Vanderbilt	W	21-17
N. 16	South Carolina	W	28-7
N. 30	at Florida St.	L	14-31
J. 1	#Michigan	L	30-38
	@Jax		#Outback Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.9 ppg	69
Rushing	136.2 ypg	73
Passing	270.7 ypg	20
Total	406.9 ypg	25
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5 ppg	31
Rushing	163.2 ypg	68
Passing	162.4 ypg	7
Total	325.5 ypg	25
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-9	-0.69	91

Head Coach: Ron Zook

2002 Record (SEC): 8-5 (6-2)

Alabama

crimson tide

Offense

Alabama fans are anxious to see how quarterback Brodie Croyle responds to a third different offensive philosophy in two years. Croyle showed signs of big things as a redshirt freshman in Dennis Franchione's ground-'em-out attack last season, then picked up Mike Price's pass-happy spread offense quickly during spring practice. Now he will be piloting Mike Shula's offense that, judging from his time as an offensive coordinator in the pros, should offer a balance between those two extremes.

Croyle is just the start of a solid offense. Juniors Justin Smiley, Wesley Britt and Evan Mathis return for their third year as starters on the offensive line. Shifty Shaud Williams leads a running back contingent that includes speedy Ray Hudson and dependable Kenneth Darby. Fullback Greg McLain, who switched to tight end for Price, should be a fullback again.

The group of receivers wasn't quite as deep as Price had hoped, but Shula's more conventional attack generally employs two wide receivers at a time, and seniors Triandos Luke, Dre Fulgham and Zach Fletcher should more than suffice. The return of Antonio Carter from a lingering leg injury would be a big boost.

Defense

The heart and soul of the Alabama defense left with the graduation of linemen Jarrett Johnson, Kindal Moorehead and Kenny King.

Fortunately for Shula, there are few other holes to fill on that side of the ball. The linebacker corps returns intact, and the group is very good. Brooks Daniels is on pace to become the all-time tackle leader in Alabama history,

Cornelius Wortham is an under-appreciated complement at the other outside linebacker, and the tag-team duo of Freddie Roach and Derrick Pope at middle linebacker is superb.

Defensive end Antwan Odom has All-America ability, and the defensive tackle combo of Ahmad Childress and Anthony Bryant is tough to move, provided they show up in shape. A concern is at the other defensive end, where projected starter Nautyn McKay-Loescher must receive clearance from the NCAA to return after illness forced him to drop out of school in the spring.

Free safety Charles Jones is poised for another big year, and the experienced cornerback pair of Charlie Peprah and Anthony Madison need to play like veterans. Sophomore strong safety Roman Harper won a job in the spring by making plays all over the field.

Specialists

Placekicking duties will be handled by either Brian Bostick or Kyle Robinson, who combined to make 12-of-18 field goals last season. Robinson ended 2002 as the starter, but neither distinguished himself as the leader in the spring. The punter will either be Bo Freeland or Jeff Aul. Neither has punted in a college game.

Final Analysis

Shula spent his entire career as an offensive assistant in the NFL before returning this May to his alma mater. He's never been a head coach before. His players' resiliency will be tested as they adapt to a third offensive style of attack since this time last year. This could be their last hurrah before scholarship deprivation resulting from NCAA sanctions sets in.

Croyle must stay healthy, which means an experienced offensive line must protect him. Alabama also must develop depth on defense, especially up front. This is a solid team with few weaknesses, but it might be too much to expect a second straight SEC West title.

SEC West Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #21



Brodie Croyle

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 84 Triandos Luke (Sr.)	2 Antonio Carter (Sr.)
WR 80 Zach Fletcher (Sr.)	3 Dre Fulgham (Sr.)
LT 70 Wesley Britt (Jr.)	75 Atlas Herrion (Sr.)
LG 78 Justin Smiley (Jr.)	69 Matt Lomax (Sr.)
C 74 J.B. Clossner (So.)	68 Montre Walker (So.)
RG 73 Dennis Alexander (Sr.)	63 Mark Sanders (So.)
RT 51 Evan Mathis (Jr.)	60 Von Ewing (So.)
TE 88 Clint Johnston (So.)	92 David Cavan (Jr.)
QB 12 Brodie Croyle (So.)	13 Spencer Pennington (So.)
FB 31 Greg McLain (So.)	40 Nathan Cox (Jr.)
TB 21 Shaud Williams (Sr.)	27 Ray Hudson (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 90 Nautyn McKay-Loescher (Sr.)	47 Mark Anderson (So.)
DT 95 Ahmad Childress (Sr.)	99 Jeremy Clark (Fr.)
NT 97 Anthony Bryant (Sr.)	52 Taylor Britt (Fr.)
DE 98 Antwan Odom (Jr.)	85 Kyle Tatum (Fr.)
LB 18 Brooks Daniels (Sr.)	42 Juwan Garth (Fr.)
LB 8 Freddie Roach (So.)	6 Derrick Pope (Sr.)
LB 16 Cornelius Wortham (Sr.)	35 DeMeco Ryans (So.)
CB 26 Charlie Peprah (So.)	23 David Scott (Sr.)
CB 9 Anthony Madison (Jr.)	1 Thurman Ward (Jr.)
FS 20 Charles Jones (Sr.)	10 Carlos Andrews (Jr.)
SS 41 Roman Harper (So.)	32 Chris James (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 43 Kyle Robinson (Sr.)
P 13 Bo Freeland (Fr.)
KR 27 Ray Hudson (Jr.)
PR 21 Shaud Williams (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Brodie Croyle, 60-123-1,046-5, 5 TDs
Rushing:	Shaud Williams, 130 car., 921 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Triandos Luke, 41 rec., 482 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Brooks Daniels, 110, 68 solo
Sacks:	Antwan Odom, 10
Interceptions:	Charlie Peprah, 4 for 90 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

333 Cornelius Wortham, Derrick Pope, Brooks Daniels and Freddie Roach were credited with a combined 333 tackles last season. All four return this season.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 #South Florida	W
S. 6 Oklahoma	L
S. 13 Kentucky	W
S. 20 Northern Illinois	W
S. 27 Arkansas	W
O. 4 at Georgia	L
O. 11 Southern Miss	W
O. 18 at Ole Miss	W
O. 25 Tennessee	*
N. 8 at Mississippi State	W
N. 15 LSU	*
N. 22 at Auburn	L
N. 29 at Hawaii	W
#Birmingham, AL	

* Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Middle Tenn.	W	39-34
S. 7 at Oklahoma	L	27-37
S. 14 North Texas	W	33-7
S. 21 Southern Miss	W	20-7
S. 28 at Arkansas	W	30-12
O. 5 Georgia	L	25-27
O. 19 Ole Miss	W	42-7
O. 26 at Tennessee	W	34-14
N. 2 at Vanderbilt	W	30-8
N. 9 Mississippi State	W	28-14
N. 16 at LSU	W	31-0
N. 23 Auburn	L	7-17
N. 30 at Hawaii	W	21-16

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.2 ppg	52
Rushing	213.2 ypg	18
Passing	190.2 ypg	77
Total	403.5 ypg	30
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.4 ppg	5
Rushing	80.2 ypg	4
Passing	177.2 ypg	17
Total	257.3 ypg	3
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+15	+1.15	12

Head Coach: Mike Shula

2002 Record (SEC): 10-3 (6-2)

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Notre Dame

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Offense

The second season of Tyrone Willingham's version of the West Coast offense, directed by quarterback Carlyle Holiday and supervised by offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick, should present a greater sense of stability. But there's an enormous "If" attached.

For the Fighting Irish to thrive and have any chance of building upon their surprising 10-3 season of a year ago, they must see rapid development in a new offensive line. Right guard Sean Milligan is the only returning starter among the interior linemen, a group that allowed Holiday to adapt to the demands of a pass-oriented system. Senior Jim Molinaro and junior Dan Stevenson, who started in the Gator Bowl, lead the candidates at the four other offensive line spots.

If that protection holds up, Holiday will be able to continue his remarkable progress from an option-oriented quarterback to a reliable leader of a balanced offense. His five interceptions in 257 attempts amounted to an interception percentage of .0194, third-best in Irish history. The move of Rashon Powers-Neal from tailback to fullback should add versatility in the backfield and could help make room for the possible return of tailback Julius Jones. If Jones fulfills the academic demands to be readmitted to the university, he could combine at tailback with Ryan Grant, who became the seventh player in Irish history to exceed 1,000 rushing yards in a season.

Defense

Eight returning starters will help determine the direction of a unit that was essential to the

undefeated run into November, but allowed 680 passing yards in the last two games. Darrell Campbell, who has been used at the tackle and end positions, and nose guard Cedric Hilliard create an imposing presence up front.

Inside linebacker Courtney Watson was a Butkus Award finalist. Cornerback Vontez Duff became the first player in Irish history to return a kick, a punt and an interception for touchdowns in a single season. Free safety Glenn Earl should continue to make an impact — his block of an Air Force field goal attempt in 2000 saved a Fiesta Bowl bid.

Specialists

Nicholas Setta can finally get his wish. From the start of his college career, Setta hoped to win the twin duties of placekicker and punter, and the departure of punter Joey Hildbold can make that possible. Setta's streak of 87 consecutive point-after attempts is second-longest in school history. Vontez Duff averaged 27.7 yards per kickoff return last year, ranked eighth in the nation. The potential return of Jones could give the Irish a return unit capable of changing a game with every kick.

Final Analysis

Every Notre Dame coach reaches the end of the honeymoon. The question is whether the late-season slide, with one-sided losses to USC and NC State, will eventually become viewed as a temporary problem or a larger issue. Just when Irish fans showed signs of being content with solid progress, the 8-0 start and resulting talk of a national championship reset the bar as high as it can go.

The complex construction of a reliable offensive line can be a tricky business with the most talented of groups. But a difficult transition period up front can undo months of progress, as Jarious Jackson discovered in a painful 1999 season. Ann Arbor in September is not the easiest place to build continuity.

126 Carlyle Holiday threw 126 consecutive passes without an interception during the 2002 season, a Notre Dame record.

Independent

National Forecast: #22



Vontez Duff

Mark Langello

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 80 Omar Jenkins (Sr.)	5 Rhema McKnight (So.)
FL 21 Maurice Stovall (So.)	18 Ronnie Rodamer (Sr.)
LT 70 Jim Molinaro (Sr.)	62 Scott Raridon (So.)
LG 73 Mark LeVoi (Jr.)	69 Darin Mitchell (Jr.)
C 55 Zachary Giles (Jr.)	76 Bob Morton (So.)
RG 65 Sean Milligan (Sr.)	72 Jeff Thompson (Jr.)
RT 74 Dan Stevenson (Jr.)	51 Jamie Ryan (So.)
TE 14 Gary Godsey (Sr.)	1 Jared Clark (Sr.)
QB 7 Carlyle Holiday (Sr.)	9 Pat Dillingham (Jr.)
FB 16 Rashon Powers-Neal (Jr.)	25 Nate Schiccato (So.)
TB 4 Ryan Grant (Jr.)	11 Marcus Wilson (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 92 Kyle Budinscak (Sr.)	90 Brian Beidatsch (Jr.)
DT 60 Darrell Campbell (Sr.)	77 Greg Pauly (Sr.)
NT 50 Cedric Hilliard (Sr.)	66 Derek Landri (So.)
DE 44 Justin Tuck (Jr.)	97 Travis Leitko (So.)
SLB 49 Derek Curry (Sr.)	48 Jerome Collins (Sr.)
MLB 41 Mike Goolsby (Sr.)	46 Corey Mays (Jr.)
WLB 33 Courtney Watson (Sr.)	39 Brandon Hoyte (Jr.)
CB 34 Vontez Duff (Sr.)	24 Dwight Ellick (Jr.)
CB 9 Jason Beckstrom (Sr.)	15 Preston Jackson (Sr.)
SS 26 Garron Bible (Sr.)	27 Lionel Bolen (Jr.)
FS 19 Glenn Earl (Sr.)	8 Quentin Burrell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 13 Nicholas Setta (Sr.)
P 13 Nicholas Setta (Sr.)
KR 34 Vontez Duff (Sr.)
PR 34 Vontez Duff (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Carlyle Holiday, 129-257-1,788-5, 10 TDs
Rushing:	Ryan Grant, 261 car., 1,085 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Omar Jenkins, 37 rec., 633 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Courtney Watson, 90, 51 solo
Sacks:	Darrell Campbell, 5
Interceptions:	Courtney Watson, 4 for 123 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 6	Washington State	W
S. 13	at Michigan	L
S. 20	Michigan State	W
S. 27	at Purdue	*
O. 11	at Pittsburgh	L
O. 18	USC	L
O. 25	at Boston College	W
N. 1	Florida State	*
N. 8	Navy	W
N. 15	BYU	W
N. 29	at Stanford	W
D. 6	at Syracuse	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	at Maryland	W	22-0
S. 7	Purdue	W	24-17
S. 14	Michigan	W	25-23
S. 21	at Michigan State	W	21-17
O. 5	Stanford	W	31-7
O. 12	Pittsburgh	W	14-6
O. 19	at Air Force	W	21-14
O. 26	at Florida State	W	34-24
N. 2	Boston College	L	7-14
N. 9	at Navy	W	30-23
N. 23	Rutgers	W	42-0
N. 30	at USC	L	13-44
J. 1	#NC State	L	6-28
	#Gator Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	22.3 ppg	91
Rushing	139.4 ypg	68
Passing	174.2 ypg	91
Total	313.5 ypg	108
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	16.7 ppg	9
Rushing	95.2 ypg	10
Passing	204.8 ypg	46
Total	300.0 ypg	13
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+5	+0.38	42

Head Coach: Tyrone Willingham

2002 Record: 10-3

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S29 Cardinals (+3) Giants	21-7 W
Chiefs (+3) Dolphins	48-30 W
over 44	W
Seahawks (-3) Vikes	48-23 W
S28 Kentucky (+19) Fla	34-41 W
V'bilt (+10) S Car	14-20 W
Mich (-7) Illinois	45-28 W
Va (+1 1/2) W Forest	38-34 W
S27 Tex Tech/N Mex under 57	49-0 W
S26 Louisvl/Fla St over 43	26-20 W
S23 Bucs (+2 1/2) Rams	26-14 W
under 43	W
S22 Seahawks(+6 1/2) Giants	6-9 W

Chiefs/Patriots over 44	38-41 W
Lions (+8) Packers	31-37 W
49'ers (-9) Redskins	20-10 W
S21 NC St (+2 1/2) Tex Tech	51-48 W
Kansas St (-3) USC	27-20 W
Noire D (+4) Michi St	21-17 W
S19 Auburn (-1) Miss over 43	14-42 W
S15 Cards (+3 1/2) S'hawks	24-13 W
Giants (+11 1/2) Rams	26-23 W
Saints (+2) Packers	35-20 W
S14 Nevada (+14) BYU	31-28 W
Penn St (+4) Nebraska	40-7 W
Fla St (-20 1/2) Md	37-10 W
W Va (+3) Cincinnati	135-32 W
S 9 Pats (+2 1/2) Steelers	30-14 W

S 8 Saints (+6) Bucs	26-20 W
Dolphins (-8) Lions	49-23 W
Vikings (+4 1/2) Bears	23-27 W
S 7 'Bama (+13) Okla	27-37 W
So Fla (-7) N Ill	37-6 W
Virginia (+4 1/2) S Car	34-21 W
S 5 49'ers/Giants under 38	16-13 W
S 2 Auburn (+8) USC	17-24 W
Cincinnati (-3) TCU	36-29 W
A31 Clemson (+8 1/2) Ga	28-31 W
Miami-O (+8) N Car	27-21 W
Houston (+8) Rice	24-10 W
A29 BYU (-2) Syracuse	42-21 W
Falcons (+4) Bengals	27-14 W

N Ill (+2) W Forest	42-41 W
A24 OSU (-6) Tex Tech	45-21 W
Iowa St (+23) Fla St	31-38 W
Falcs (+3 1/2) Cowboys	21-19 W
A22 Colo St (+2 1/2) Va	35-29 W
Chrgers(+6 1/2)Rams	31-10 W
A18 Steelers (+2 1/2) Skins	34-35 W
A17 Falcons (-3) Giants	36-24 W
Chiefs (-5) Texas	19-9 W
A16 Chrgers(-4 1/2)S'hawks	24-14 W
A15 Saints (+2 1/2) Dolphins	24-7 W
A10 Browns(+3 1/2) Vikings	27-15 W
A 9 Cowboys (-3) Raiders	20-6 W
under 33	W
A 3 Redskins (-03) 49'ers	38-7 W

2002 PRE-SEASON WINNERS:

S 2 Auburn (+8) USC	17-24 W
Cincinnati (-3) TCU	36-29 W
A31 Clemson (+8 1/2) Ga	28-31 W
Miami-O (+8) N Car	27-21 W
Houston (+8) Rice	24-10 W
A29 BYU (-2) Syracuse	42-21 W
Falcons (+4) Bengals	27-14 W

N Ill (+2) W Forest	42-41 W
A24 OSU (-6) Tex Tech	45-21 W
Iowa St (+23) Fla St	31-38 W
Falcs (+3 1/2) Cowboys	21-19 W
A22 Colo St (+2 1/2) Va	35-29 W
Chrgers(+6 1/2)Rams	31-10 W
A18 Steelers (+2 1/2) Skins	34-35 W
A17 Falcons (-3) Giants	36-24 W
Chiefs (-5) Texas	19-9 W
A16 Chrgers(-4 1/2)S'hawks	24-14 W
A15 Saints (+2 1/2) Dolphins	24-7 W
A10 Browns(+3 1/2) Vikings	27-15 W
A 9 Cowboys (-3) Raiders	20-6 W
under 33	W
A 3 Redskins (-03) 49'ers	38-7 W

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Virginia cavaliers

Offense

Things are looking bright in Charlottesville, where former NFL head coach Al Groh has his alma mater on the upswing. The young Cavaliers return nine starters to an offense that sparked a 9-5 record with four upsets over nationally ranked opponents.

A main reason expectations are soaring is the return of senior quarterback Matt Schaub, the 2002 ACC Player of the Year and 2003 Heisman Trophy candidate. Schaub was one of the nation's most efficient passers, completing at least 70 percent of his passes eight times, including 80 percent or better twice. While he must find a new go-to-guy after the departure of record-breaking Billy McMullen, Schaub has shown he can spread the ball around. Running backs and tight ends were responsible for 180 catches last season, and all of those players return.

The Cavaliers need to improve a rushing attack that ranked 82nd in the nation in 2002. With the top four leading rushers returning, led by Continental Tire Bowl MVP Wali Lundy, that shouldn't be a problem. A bigger, better offensive line has found its comfort zone after a year of trial by fire.

Defense

Virginia finished next-to-last in the ACC in total defense last season. That must change if the Cavaliers are to compete for the league title.

Groh's 3-4 defensive scheme, which he brought with him from the New York Jets, depends on great linebackers making big plays. The Wahoos have an abundance of talent in

those spots, including two of the nation's best freshmen, inside backers Ahmad Brooks and Kai Parham, along with sophomore outside backer Darryl Blackstock, who led the nation's freshmen with 10 sacks and 14 tackles for a loss last season.

The Cavs welcome back six of their top seven linemen, including all three starters in Groh's 3-4 scheme. Junior end Chris Canty is the top playmaker up front.

The only question mark is at safety where sophomore Willie Davis is the only player with game experience.

Specialists

Virginia's kicking game is in good shape with both punter Tom Hagan and placekicker Connor Hughes returning. Both had on-the-job training last season as freshmen, with Hagan handling punting duties all 14 games. His 36.7 average per kick makes him the second-leading returning punter in the ACC. Hughes took over in the final month of the season, and his first kick was a 47-yard field goal in the upset over Maryland.

Final Analysis

All the pieces of the puzzle appear to be in place for the Wahoos to make a run for the ACC title. Skeptics, however, will want to wait and see how the offense operates after the departure of coordinator Bill Musgrave (to the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars) before anointing the Cavs a contender.

Groh pointed out that "a lot of coaches, including me, must expand the capacity of what they do if the team is to move on." Offensively, Virginia needs to develop a stronger running game and hope that some new faces in the wide receiver corps can make up for the loss of playmaker McMullen. If the defense can repeat the shutdown mentality it displayed over the last month of the 2002 season, the Cavs could be off and running.

ACC Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #23



Matt Schaub

Bill Wood

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 37 Ryan Sawyer (Sr.)	83 Ottawa Anderson (Jr.)
WR 80 Michael McGrew (Sr.)	25 Art Thomas (Sr.)
LT 66 D'Brickshaw Ferguson (So.)	76 Tom Howell (Jr.)
LG 62 Brian Barthelme (So.)	64 Ron Darden (Fr.)
C 65 Kevin Bailey (Sr.)	75 Zac Yarbrough (Jr.)
RG 61 Elton Brown (Jr.)	70 Mark Farrington (Jr.)
RT 69 Brad Butler (So.)	74 Davon Robb (Fr.)
TE 89 Heath Miller (So.)	87 Patrick Estes (Jr.)
QB 7 Matt Schaub (Sr.)	4 Anthony Martinez (Fr.)
FB 86 Kase Luzar (Sr.)	38 Jason Snelling (So.)
TB 33 Wali Lundy (So.)	5 Marques Weeks (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 96 Brennan Schmidt (So.)	93 Braden Campbell (So.)
NT 60 Andrew Hoffman (Jr.)	54 Melvin Massey (So.)
DE 95 Chris Canty (Jr.)	98 Kwakou Robinson (So.)
OLB 47 Raymond Mann (Sr.)	58 Jon Thompson (Jr.)
ILB 53 Rich Bedesem (Jr.)	44 Kai Parham (Fr.)
ILB 59 Bryan White (Jr.)	34 Ahmad Brooks (Fr.)
OLB 56 Darryl Blackstock (So.)	45 Dennis Haley (Jr.)
CB 22 Almondo Curry (Sr.)	25 Art Thomas (Sr.)
CB 29 Jamaime Winborne (Sr.)	36 Jermaine Hardy (Jr.)
S 40 Willie Davis (So.)	36 Jermaine Hardy (Jr.)
S 15 Jay Dorsey (Jr.)	42 Lance Evans (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 6 Connor Hughes (So.)
P 10 Tom Hagan (So.)
KR 33 Wali Lundy (So.)
PR 18 Marques Hagans (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Matt Schaub, 288-418-2,976-7, 28 TDs
Rushing:	Wali Lundy, 196 car., 826 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Wali Lundy, 58 rec., 435 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Darryl Blackstock, 107, 66 solo
Sacks:	Darryl Blackstock, 10
Interceptions:	Jermaine Hardy, 2 for 13 yds., Almondo Curry, 2 for 33 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

260 Don't ever think UVA is beaten at halftime. The Cavs outscored their opponents 260-132 in the second half last season as they developed a never-say-die mentality.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Duke	W
S. 6 at South Carolina	W
S. 13 at Western Mich.	W
S. 27 Wake Forest	W
O. 4 at North Carolina	W
O. 11 at Clemson	W
O. 18 Florida State	*
O. 25 Troy State	W
N. 1 at NC State	*
N. 13 at Maryland	*
N. 22 Georgia Tech	W
N. 29 Virginia Tech	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 22 Colorado State	L 29-35
A. 31 at Florida State	L 19-40
S. 7 South Carolina	W 34-21
S. 21 Akron	W 48-29
S. 28 at Wake Forest	W 38-34
O. 5 at Duke	W 27-22
O. 12 Clemson	W 22-17
O. 19 North Carolina	W 37-27
O. 26 at Georgia Tech	L 15-23
N. 9 at Penn State	L 14-35
N. 16 NC State	W 14-9
N. 23 Maryland	W 48-13
N. 30 at Virginia Tech	L 9-21
D. 28 #West Virginia	W 48-22
#Continental Tire Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	28.7 ppg	50
Rushing	126.9 ypg	82
Passing	230.1 ypg	48
Total	357.1 ypg	80
Defense		
Scoring	24.9 ppg	50
Rushing	208.9 ypg	108
Passing	215.7 ypg	59
Total	424.6 ypg	100
TO Margin		
	+15	+1.07
		15

Head Coach: Al Groh

2002 Record (ACC): 9-5 (6-2)

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Offense

Quarterback Casey Clausen will take the Volunteers as far as his supporting cast allows. Clausen ranks as the third most accurate passer in SEC history with a 63.2-percent completion rate, but his toughness is even more impressive, as he played the second half of last season with a fractured collarbone.

Tennessee's line must do a better job protecting Clausen after yielding 41 sacks last season. All-America candidate Michael Muñoz anchors the line from the left tackle position.

Shifty tailback Cedric Houston had four consecutive 100-yard games last season and does a good job of taking what's there. Gerald Riggs Jr. has a blend of power and speed not seen at Tennessee since Jamal Lewis. Riggs did have academic issues to address over the summer.

The Volunteers' most dangerous receiver is converted defensive back Mark Jones, a mighty mite (5'9", 185) who can make yards after the catch. James Banks, who doubles as the backup quarterback, is the most elusive runner on the team, but he's still getting familiar with the receiver position.

Defense

Tennessee lost eight starters from the nation's No. 5-ranked unit, but a proven pair of senior safeties and a talented linebacking corps have fans in Knoxville optimistic.

All-SEC free safety Rashad Baker returns to the secondary alongside heavy-hitting strong safety Gibril Wilson. Senior Jabari Greer is an experienced cornerback, but UT is searching desperately for another corner.

19/71 The Vols' first five-loss season under Phillip Fulmer was largely a result of injuries, as Tennessee lost 19 starters for a combined 71 games last season.

Kevin Burnett (6'3", 235) should return with a vengeance after being lost just four plays into last season with a knee injury. Burnett will give quarterbacks nightmares blitzing from the weak side. Kevin Simon (5'11", 225) is another fast and furious 'backer who plays sideline-to-sideline and brings the hits from all angles.

For the second straight year, the Vols must replace their starting front four. Senior captain Constantin Ritzmann, who suffered a season-ending injury last August, will be asked to take a leadership role. Ritzmann, a 6'4", 265-pounder from Germany, is quick off the ball and has been a disruptive force. Parys Haralson plays with a mean streak at defensive end.

Specialists

Dustin Colquitt was one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award last season after averaging 43.6 yards on his booming punts. Redshirt freshman kicker James Wilhoit was a thunderfoot in spring drills, consistently hitting from 55 yards and in.

Final Analysis

Clausen has the talent to win a national championship, but the Vols lack the gamebreakers at receiver they've had in the past. Tennessee is hoping one of the three incoming All-America receivers — Bret Smith, Jayson Swain or Robert Meachem — will emerge quickly.

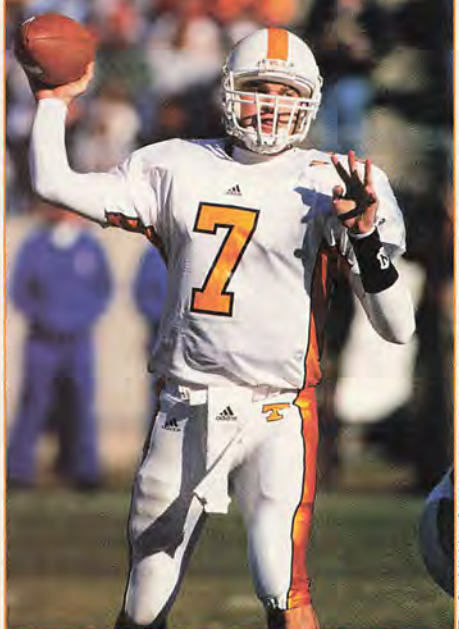
Defensively, the Vols look as stubborn as ever. The front four is green, but the linebacking corps is loaded with as much speed and talent as ever. Tennessee is one cornerback short of having an exceptional secondary.

There won't be any philosophical changes: balanced offense, aggressive defense, solid kicking game. It's the formula Phillip Fulmer has used to win a national title and post the SEC's best record over the past five years (49-14).

This year's travels could be bumpy, with a schedule that includes games at Auburn, Alabama, Florida and Miami.

SEC East Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #24

Casey Clausen



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 81 Tony Brown (Jr.)	17 C.J. Foyton (So.)
WR 10 Mark Jones (Sr.)	4 Jonathan Wade (So.)
LT 77 Michael Muñoz (Jr.)	74 Richie Gandy (So.)
LG 63 Jason Respert (Jr.)	75 Anthony Herrera (Sr.)
C 64 Scott Wells (Sr.)	67 Chuck Prugh (Sr.)
RG 60 Chavis Smith (Sr.)	70 Cody Douglas (So.)
RT 66 Sean Young (Sr.)	70 Cody Douglas (So.)
TE 83 Victor McClure (Jr.)	87 Justin Reed (So.)
QB 7 Casey Clausen (Sr.)	11 James Banks (So.)
TB 21 Cedric Houston (Jr.)	34 Jabari Davis (Jr.)
FB 27 Troy Fleming (Sr.)	45 William Revill (So.)

Defense (4)

DE 46 Kariton Neal (Jr.)	99 J.T. Mapu (So.)
DT 96 Greg Jones (So.)	85 Matt McGlothlin (Fr.)
DT 90 Mondre Dickerson (Sr.)	92 Justin Harrell (Fr.)
DE 6 Constantin Ritzmann (Sr.)	98 Parys Haralson (So.)
LB 35 Jason Mitchell (So.)	5 Kevin Simon (So.)
LB 41 Robert Peace (Sr.)	5 Kevin Simon (So.)
LB 2 Kevin Burnett (Jr.)	35 Jason Mitchell (So.)
CB 24 Antwan Stewart (Fr.)	18 Jason Allen (So.)
CB 33 Jabari Greer (Sr.)	22 Robert Boulware (So.)
SS 8 Gibril Wilson (Sr.)	42 Shannon Benton (So.)
FS 16 Rashad Baker (Sr.)	29 O.J. Owens (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 25 James Wilhoit (Fr.)
P 47 Dustin Colquitt (Jr.)
KR 23 Corey Larkins (Jr.)
PR 10 Mark Jones (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Casey Clausen, 194-310-2,297-7, 11 TDs
Rushing:	Cedric Houston, 153 car., 779 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Tony Brown, 39 rec., 477 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Gibril Wilson, 82, 57 solo
Sacks:	Gibril Wilson, 2.5
Interceptions:	Rashad Baker, 5 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Fresno State	W
S. 6 Marshall	W
S. 20 at Florida	*
S. 27 South Carolina	W
O. 4 at Auburn	L
O. 11 Georgia	L
O. 25 at Alabama	*
N. 1 Duke	W
N. 8 at Miami	L
N. 15 Mississippi State	W
N. 22 Vanderbilt	W
N. 29 at Kentucky	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Wyoming	W 47-7
S. 7 Middle Tenn.	W 26-3
S. 21 Florida	L 13-30
S. 28 Rutgers	W 35-14
O. 5 Arkansas	W 41-38
O. 12 at Georgia	L 13-18
O. 26 Alabama	L 14-34
N. 2 at S. Carolina	W 24-10
N. 9 Miami	L 3-26
N. 16 at Miss. State	W 35-17
N. 23 at Vanderbilt	W 24-0
N. 30 Kentucky	W 24-0
D. 31 #Maryland	L 3-30
#Peach Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	86
Rushing	150.5 ypg	55
Passing	202.7 ypg	67
Total	353.2 ypg	85
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.5 ppg	11
Rushing	128.6 ypg	33
Passing	156.2 ypg	4
Total	284.9 ypg	5
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	52

Head Coach: Phillip Fulmer

2002 Record (SEC): 8-5 (5-3)

Missouri tigers

Offense

The Tigers have made significant strides in the disciplined system of coach Gary Pinkel and are ready to take the next step under the direction of quarterback Brad Smith, a runaway choice as Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year. Smith is draped in potential greatness after becoming only the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000 yards in a season. And he isn't simply a running back lined up under center, as indicated by his 2,333 passing yards, 53.6 completion percentage and 15-to-6 touchdown-to-interception ratio.

Tailback Zack Abron is another potential 1,000-yard rusher, and both he and Smith have the security of a veteran offensive line, built around Rob Droege, A.J. Ricker and Tony Palmer.

Wide receiver Justin Gage is the only significant loss on offense, but the passing game should be more diversified with Smith spreading the ball around to a group of receivers headed by Darius Outlaw.

Defense

Missouri gave up about as many points as it scored last season, and defense again is a concern because of inexperience and lack of depth. The run defense has improved, but not enough to prevent opponents from controlling the ball. And the pass defense has been woeful. The Tigers ranked 113th nationally in pass defense and 91st in pass efficiency defense, allowing 59.4 percent completions and 19 touchdown passes.

12 Forcing turnovers has been a point of emphasis, and the Tigers showed marked improvement last year finishing plus-12. They recovered 12 fumbles and intercepted 12 passes in 12 games.

Tackle Russ Bell has the strength and athleticism to hold up inside, while linebacker James Kinney has established himself among the best in the Big 12. He ranked second in the conference and ninth nationally in tackles per game last fall. He was involved in 148 stops, third most in school history.

Michael Harden is the most experienced defensive back, and the most consistent, with excellent cover speed. Nino Williams, a first-team junior college All-American, is expected to have an immediate impact at free safety.

Specialists

The kicking game, a source of frustration in Pinkel's first season, has improved markedly. Nowhere was this more apparent than in punting. Brock Harvey averaged 42.5 yards to rank fourth in the conference and 20th nationally. More important, the Tigers ranked 19th nationally in net punting after ranking 112th in 2001. Walk-on Mike Matheny appears to have solved the placekicking problem. Marcus James and Shirdonya Mitchell are kick returners with big-play ability.

Final Analysis

The Tigers have a formidable offense in the hands of one of the Big 12's premier players. Smith has mobility, great field vision, deceptive speed, poise and confidence. He is surrounded by experience, including a dominating line that returns intact, and a productive tailback in the sure-handed Abron, who rarely fumbles and has improved his speed during the off-season.

The offense is good enough to allow Missouri to contend in the conference's North Division. But the defense probably will again prevent that from happening. Still, the Tigers can't be worse defensively, and their schedule is conducive to a fast start. The stretch run will be tough with games at Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas State. But Missouri should have a bowl bid wrapped up by the time it heads to Manhattan.

Big 12 North Prediction: 2nd National Forecast: #25



Brad Smith

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 3 Darius Outlaw (Sr.)	80 Chris Crosby (So.)
WR 87 Thomson Omboga (Jr.)	88 Arnold Britt (So.)
WR 12 Sean Coffey (So.)	37 Andrew Hoskins (Fr.)
WT 76 Rob Droege (Sr.)	68 Tony Clinker (Jr.)
WG 52 Tony Palmer (So.)	57 Joe Gianino (Jr.)
C 70 A.J. Ricker (Sr.)	69 Scott Sells (Sr.)
SG 58 Cliff Young (Sr.)	55 Mike Cook (Fr.)
ST 78 Scott Paffrath (Jr.)	63 Steven Sanchez (Sr.)
TE 89 J.D. McCoy (Sr.)	95 DeQuincy Howard (Jr.)
QB 16 Brad Smith (So.)	19 Sonny Riccio (So.)
TB 38 Zack Abron (Sr.)	27 Tim Starks (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 39 Brian Smith (Fr.)	64 Rusty Groth (Sr.)
DT 73 Russ Bell (Sr.)	94 Phil Pitts (Jr.)
NT 97 Atiyah Ellison (Jr.)	99 C.J. Mosley (So.)
DE 96 Zach Ville (Jr.)	64 Rusty Groth (Sr.)
LB 46 Henry Sweat (Jr.)	40 Derrick Ming (So.)
LB 24 James Kinney (Jr.)	21 Brandon Barnes (Sr.)
Whip 6 Jason Simpson (So.)	49 Brian Fuller (Jr.)
CB 7 A.J. Kincade (So.)	17 Calvin Washington (So.)
CB 26 Michael Harden (Sr.)	18 Terrence Curry (Sr.)
ROV 9 Justin Scott (So.)	33 Dedrick Harrington (Fr.)
FS 22 Nino Williams (Jr.)	36 Marcus King (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 34 Mike Matheny (Sr.)
P 13 Brock Harvey (Jr.)
KR 86 Shirdonya Mitchell (Sr.)
PR 1 Marcus James (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brad Smith, 196-366-2,333-6, 15 TDs
 Rushing: Brad Smith, 193 car., 1,029 yds., 7 TDs
 Receiving: Thomson Omboga, 21 rec., 253 yds., 1 TD
 Tackles: James Kinney, 144, 83 solo
 Sacks: James Kinney, 6
 Interceptions: Michael Harden, 2 for 7 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 #Illinois	W
S. 6 at Ball State	W
S. 13 Eastern Illinois	W
S. 20 Middle Tennessee	W
S. 27 at Kansas	W
O. 11 Nebraska	W
O. 18 at Oklahoma	L
O. 25 Texas Tech	W
N. 1 Iowa State	W
N. 8 at Colorado	*
N. 15 at Texas A&M	*
N. 22 at Kansas State	L
#St. Louis, MO	

*Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Illinois	W	33-20
S. 7 Ball State	W	41-6
S. 14 at Bowling Green	L	28-51
S. 28 Troy State	W	44-7
O. 5 Oklahoma	L	24-31
O. 12 at Nebraska	L	13-24
O. 19 at Texas Tech	L	38-52
O. 26 Kansas	W	36-12
N. 2 at Iowa State	L	35-42
N. 9 Colorado	L	35-42
N. 16 at Texas A&M	W	33-27
N. 23 Kansas State	L	0-38

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.0 ppg	36
Rushing	183.7 ypg	36
Passing	203.2 ypg	66
Total	386.8 ypg	45
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.3 ppg	81
Rushing	167.8 ypg	78
Passing	282.6 ypg	113
Total	450.3 ypg	107
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+12	+1.00	16

Head Coach: Gary Pinkel

2002 Record (Big 12): 5-7 (2-6)

Arizona State

sun devils

Offense

In a pass-oriented offense a Grade A quarterback is required, and Arizona State has a proven one for the 2003 season. Junior Andrew Walter became the permanent starter late in the second quarter of the season's fourth game and went on to pass for a school-record 3,877 yards. In the process he led ASU to a surprising third-place finish in the Pac-10 and a berth in the Holiday Bowl.

A terrific deep ball passer, the 6'5" Walter is looking for a new primary target this season to replace All-American Shaun McDonald. Redshirt freshman flanker Terry Richardson, a top recruit two years ago, is on the fast track to becoming a starter. The coaching staff is also looking to give Walter some help in the running game; he can't continue to throw 50 passes in a game — as he did four times last year — if the Sun Devils plan on competing for a conference title.

The offensive line returns all five starters but was reshuffled during spring, and two new running backs — redshirt freshmen Randy Hill and Loren Wade — were auditioned to see how they stack up with returnees Mike Williams and Cornell Canidate. Williams, who had 162 yards on 40 carries and scored four touchdowns in the come-from-behind win over arch-rival Arizona, worked at both running back and wide receiver in the spring.

Defense

ASU is hoping it upgraded its overall talent to continue the improvement the defense showed last season when it created 40 turnovers — 22 more than in 2001. That task was made

more difficult when All-America defensive end Terrell Suggs, the most decorated player in school history, declared for the NFL draft. The national Defensive Player of the Year, Suggs was a one-man wrecking crew with 24 sacks, six forced fumbles and an interception.

During the spring ASU was trying to sort out the two linebacker positions, which had its top three players complete their eligibility. Five players, headed by sophomore letterman Jamar Williams and junior college transfer Justin Burks, competed for the jobs.

The five-deep secondary will again be anchored by junior free safety Jason Shivers, who led the team with 121 tackles.

Specialists

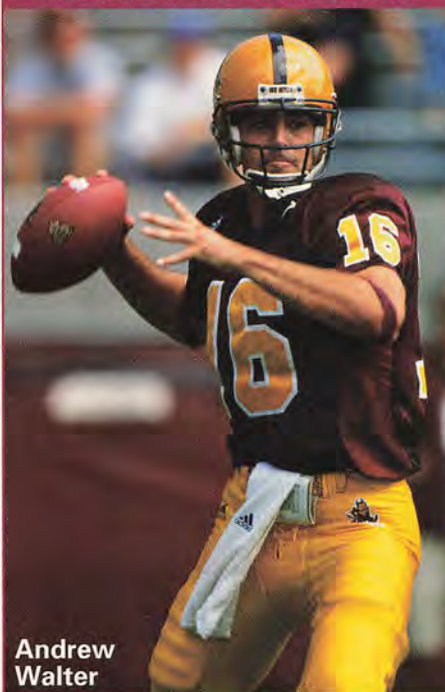
Punter Tim Parker had 27 of his 79 boots land inside the opponent's 20. He'll be an all-conference candidate this season. The place-kicking game belongs to signee Jessie Ainsworth. His predecessor made only 1-of-11 attempts of 50 yards or longer. Ainsworth is said to have the ability to kick field goals of that distance consistently.

Final Analysis

Arizona State can make a run at the Pac-10 championship if Walter doesn't have to account for all the yardage. Sophomore Nick Johnson has the assignment of trying to fill Suggs' shoes. He can be as loquacious as Suggs, but it's his productivity that matters most. A better overall pass rush would help the secondary, which struggled at times against quality opponents. The Devils appear to be solid in the kicking game.

The schedule is favorable with non-conference gimmes in Northern Arizona and Utah State and winnable games at rebuilding Iowa and North Carolina. ASU gets USC and Oregon at home. How much overall help Walter gets will determine how successful the season will be.

Pac-10 Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #26



Andrew Walter

Greg LeBeauf

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 9 Daryl Lightfoot (Jr.)	80 Derek Hagan (So.)
WR 17 Terry Richardson (Fr.)	18 Skyler Fulton (Sr.)
LT 73 Chaz White (So.)	68 Andrew Carnahan (Fr.)
LG 59 Tim Fa'aita (Sr.)	50 Tony Aguilar (Sr.)
C 53 Drew Hodgdon (Jr.)	50 Tony Aguilar (Sr.)
RG 70 Regis Crawford (Sr.)	78 Zach Krula (Fr.)
RT 71 Grayling Love (So.)	66 Stephen Berg (Fr.)
TE 84 Aaron Austin (Jr.)	83 Lee Burghgraef (So.)
QB 16 Andrew Walter (Jr.)	10 Chad Christensen (So.)
TB 3 Mike Williams (Sr.)	32 Cornell Canidate (So.)
FB 44 Mike Karney (Sr.)	46 Mike Talbot (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 91 Jimmy Verdon (Jr.)	93 Rickey Parker (Fr.)
DT 97 Brian Montesanto (Sr.)	95 Gabe Reininger (Jr.)
DT 99 Shane Jones (Sr.)	94 Ali Likio (Fr.)
DE 88 Nick Johnson (So.)	42 Connor Banks (Jr.)
LB 51 Jamar Williams (So.)	57 Barton Hammit (So.)
LB 5 Justin Burks (Jr.)	58 Jordan Hill (Fr.)
CB 26 R.J. Oliver (Jr.)	37 Mike Davis Jr. (So.)
CB 23 Josh Golden (So.)	20 Emmanuel Franklin (Jr.)
S 7 Riccardo Stewart (Jr.)	36 Joey Smith (So.)
S 2 Brett Hudson (Sr.)	24 Lamar Baker (So.)
FS 30 Jason Shivers (Jr.)	19 Matt Fawley (So.)

Special Teams

K	Jessie Ainsworth (Sr.)
P	31 Tim Parker (Sr.)
KR	23 Josh Golden (So.)
PR	9 Daryl Lightfoot (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Andrew Walter, 274-483-3,877-15, 28 TDs
Rushing:	Cornell Canidate, 130 car., 493 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving:	Daryl Lightfoot, 40 rec., 552 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Jason Shivers, 121, 66 solo
Sacks:	Jimmy Verdon, 4, Nick Johnson, 4
Interceptions:	R.J. Oliver, 4 for 51 yds., Brett Hudson 4 for 66 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

59.1 Arizona State averaged 59.1 yards rushing in Pac-10 games. ASU's overall 14-game average of 89.0 yards was the team's second-lowest on record.

2003 Schedule

S. 6	Northern Arizona	W
S. 13	Utah State	W
S. 20	at Iowa	*
S. 27	at Oregon State	L
O. 4	USC	L
O. 11	Oregon	W
O. 18	at North Carolina	W
O. 25	at UCLA	*
N. 1	California	W
N. 8	at Stanford	W
N. 15	at Wash. State	W
N. 28	Arizona	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24	at Nebraska	L	10-48
A. 31	E. Washington	W	38-2
S. 7	UCF	W	46-13
S. 14	at San Diego St.	W	39-28
S. 28	Stanford	W	65-24
O. 5	North Carolina	L	35-38
O. 12	Oregon State	W	13-9
O. 19	at Oregon	W	45-42
O. 26	Washington	W	27-16
N. 2	at Wash. State	L	22-44
N. 9	California	L	38-55
N. 16	at USC	L	13-34
N. 29	at Arizona	W	34-20
D. 27	#Kansas State	L	27-34
	#Holiday Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.3 ppg	20
Rushing	89.0 ypg	111
Passing	303.9 ypg	9
Total	392.9 ypg	35
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.1 ppg	79
Rushing	119.4 ypg	27
Passing	244.3 ypg	96
Total	363.6 ypg	57
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.29	46

Head Coach: Dirk Koetter

2002 Record (Pac-10): 8-6 (5-3)

Colorado State

rams

Offense

If the key to a good offense is a good quarterback, Colorado State is doubly lucky entering the 2003 season. Not only do the Rams have senior Bradlee Van Pelt, the reigning MWC Offensive Player of Year, but they also have backup Justin Holland, who got valuable experience last year as a redshirt freshman.

Van Pelt terrorized opposing defenses last year with his tough, deceptively fast running and improved enough as a passer to complete 52.3 percent of his throws for 2,073 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Van Pelt will line up behind a front that includes four returning starters. Center Mark Dreyer and tackle Erik Pears are as good as any linemen in the league, and sophomores Albert Bimper and Mike Brisiel are bound for stardom.

The receiving corps lacks depth but not talent. Senior Chris Pittman and sophomore Dave Anderson are a solid starting tandem, with standout cornerback Dexter Wynn expected to move over for 15 to 20 plays per game to take advantage of his game-breaking speed.

The deepest talent pool on the team is a tight end — a very good thing for an offense that often utilizes two tight ends and an H-back. Joel Dreessen appears to have NFL-type tools.

The only significant question on offense is at running back, where the Rams have to replace Cecil Sapp and his 1,601 rushing yards. Senior Rahsaan Sanders and redshirt freshman Tristan Walker should battle for the starting job.

Defense

CSU has great experience at linebacker and tackle but has big questions at end and in the

secondary. The linebacking trio of Drew Wood, Eric Pauly and Adam Wade is set for a third season of starting together. All are capable of all-league honors, while Pauly and Wood are Academic All-America candidates.

The strength of the line is at tackle, where Bryan Save, Chris Kiffin and Lavell Mann return. Both starting ends graduated, leaving senior Andre Sommersell as the only end with any experience. Patrick Goodpaster, a starter last year at tackle, has been moved to take advantage of his size and agility, but the Rams will need to find at least one more end.

The only given in the secondary is Wynn, a solid cover guy at corner. Ben Stratton and Benny Mastropaolo saw time at both corner and safety last year, and Landon Jones started several games at safety. The wild card is sophomore Adam Hayward, who appears to have star potential at safety.

Specialists

CSU's solid kicking game tradition should continue despite the graduation of standout punter Joey Huber. Wynn is one of the nation's top returners, and kicker Jeff Babcock returns after finishing fifth nationally with 24 field goals last year.

Final Analysis

The Rams lost their last two games of 2002, dropping them from the polls but inspiring them for another run in 2003.

With 15 starters returning, CSU should have an excellent chance to win its fourth MWC title in five years. The Rams, though, want more — including a possible push for a BCS bowl. And they might actually have a shot with Van Pelt at the helm. He is a fearless leader who hates to lose, and his teammates believe in him.

The Rams face a softer schedule, so if the defense can hold up and Van Pelt stays healthy they could be in line for a special season.

MWC Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #27



Bradlee Van Pelt

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

SE 4 David Anderson (So.)	7 Eric Hill (Sr.)
FL 6 Chris Pittman (Sr.)	83 Russell Sprague (Sr.)
WT 63 Mike Brisiel (So.)	75 Zeke Hacker (Sr.)
WG 77 Albert Bimper (So.)	76 Terrell Gardner (Sr.)
C 70 Mark Dreyer (Sr.)	62 Jon Van Lant (Jr.)
SG 60 Jamie Amicarella (Sr.)	68 Jonathan Moore (Fr.)
ST 74 Erik Pears (Jr.)	66 Josh Day (Fr.)
TE 92 Matt Bartz (So.)	89 James Sondrup (Sr.)
HB 81 Joel Dreessen (Jr.)	88 Brandon Alconcel (So.)
QB 11 Bradlee Van Pelt (Sr.)	8 Justin Holland (So.)
RB 3 Rahsaan Sanders (Sr.)	38 Tristan Walker (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 99 Patrick Goodpaster (Jr.)	55 Chuck Asioudou (Jr.)
NT 95 Bryan Save (Sr.)	91 Jonathon Simon (Jr.)
DT 57 Lavell Mann (Sr.)	93 Chris Kiffin (Jr.)
DE 96 Andre Sommersell (Sr.)	98 Luke Adkins (Fr.)
SLB 9 Adam Wade (Sr.)	2 Jahmal Hall (So.)
MLB50 Drew Wood (Sr.)	45 Jeff Flora (Sr.)
WLB33 Eric Pauly (Sr.)	51 Courtney Jones (So.)
CB 16 Ben Stratton (So.)	1 Brandon Cathy (Fr.)
CB 5 Dexter Wynn (Sr.)	12 Danny Foster (Fr.)
SS 25 Benny Mastropaolo (Sr.)	20 Adam Hayward (So.)
FS 10 Landon Jones (Jr.)	27 David Foley (So.)

Special Teams

K 14 Jeff Babcock (Jr.)
P 14 Jeff Babcock (Jr.)
KR 5 Dexter Wynn (Sr.)
PR 5 Dexter Wynn (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Bradlee Van Pelt, 150-287-2,073-7, 10 TDs
Rushing:	Bradlee Van Pelt, 150 car., 819 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Pittman, 60 rec., 807 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Eric Pauly, 121, 53 solo
Sacks:	Drew Wood, 6
Interceptions:	Dexter Wynn, 2 for 56 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

11 Bradlee Van Pelt enters the season as a two-year starter. The last time CSU had a two-year returning starter at QB (Moses Moreno in '97) the Rams set a school record with 11 wins.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 #Colorado	*
S. 6 at California	W
S. 13 Weber State	W
S. 20 Miami (OH)	W
S. 27 Utah	W
O. 4 Fresno State	*
O. 9 at BYU	W
O. 16 Air Force	W
N. 1 at Wyoming	W
N. 7 at New Mexico	*
N. 15 San Diego State	W
N. 22 at UNLV	W
#Denver	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 22 at Virginia	W	35-29
A. 31 #Colorado	W	19-14
S. 7 at UCLA	L	19-30
S. 14 Louisville	W	36-33
S. 28 at Nevada	W	32-28
O. 4 at Fresno State	L	30-32
O. 12 Wyoming	W	44-36
O. 19 at Utah	W	28-20
O. 24 BYU	W	37-10
O. 31 at Air Force	W	31-12
N. 16 at San Diego St.	W	49-21
N. 23 New Mexico	W	22-14
N. 30 UNLV	L	33-36
D. 31 @TCU	L	3-17
#Denver	@Liberty Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.9 ppg	37
Rushing	205.7 ypg	24
Passing	182.9 ypg	83
Total	388.6 ypg	43
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.7 ppg	44
Rushing	167.6 ypg	77
Passing	205.8 ypg	47
Total	373.4 ypg	64
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.21	48

Head Coach: Sonny Lubick

2002 Record (MWC): 10-4 (6-1)

Colorado buffaloes

Offense

Coach Gary Barnett would have nothing to worry about here, if not for the new quarterback and four new linemen he must introduce to regular action. The Buffaloes' most experienced returnee under center, walk-on sophomore Joel Klatt, has thrown the ball all of three times. The other options are redshirt freshman James Cox or true freshmen Bernard Jackson and Brian White.

With only guard Marwan Hage back from last year's starting five, the offensive line should have the most to say about the Buffaloes' overall success. Five possible starters missed some or all of spring practice with injuries, though another, sophomore Clint O'Neal, stayed healthy.

With Chris Brown off to the NFL, Bobby Purify moves out of the background at running back with as much talent and grit as anyone. His main competition should come from smaller, quicker sophomore Brian Calhoun, who broke through at the end of the year for a combined 259 yards against Nebraska and Oklahoma. CU also has a group of veteran receivers, led by Derek McCoy and D.J. Hackett, though the Buffs ranked 11th in the Big 12 in passing last year.

Defense

Losing tackle Tyler Brayton and Donald Strickland to the NFL will hurt, but the Buffaloes have eight starters returning.

On the line, end Gabe Nyenhuis can be dangerous. Marques Harris would be a great linebacker in most other systems, but in this one

he's great on the edge.

Barnett regularly went with one backer last year, and the best of the lot is Sean Tufts. While much of the rest of the defense is geared towards smaller, faster players, the 6'4", 235-pound Tufts looks like a classic linebacker, and he can play like one, too.

J.J. Billingsley, Brian Iwuh and Akarika Dawn all saw significant minutes as freshmen in CU's nickel-dime scheme. Medford Moorer is the veteran rock at free safety. Weak safety Clyde Surrell and corner Phil Jackson missed the spring with shoulder surgery, but both have been around the block. The biggest risk is at the other corner, where Barnett will probably go with redshirt freshman Sammy Joseph.

Specialists

Olympic freestyle skier/punt returner Jeremy Bloom is a huge threat if he decides on a second year of football. Barnett feels confident that sophomore walk-on John Torp can handle punting. He also rolled the dice by choosing two true freshmen, Kevin Eberhart and Mason Crosby, for the placekicking job.

Final Analysis

The Buffaloes have a lot of questions to answer before they can take the North for the third straight year. Can a nearly new offensive line congeal during a grinder of a schedule? Even if it does, can an untested quarterback get the veteran receivers the ball and keep defenses from cheating against the proud ground attack?

The defense will have to win more games than it has in recent years for the Buffaloes if the team is to get past opponents like Colorado State, Florida State, Oklahoma and Kansas State. And even if all of that happens, CU must depend on a true freshman kicker and an untested sophomore punter on special teams. One thing Barnett has taught this team to do is to win regardless of the holes in the lineup.

Big 12 North Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #28



Bobby Purify

Peter Brouillet

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR 80 Derek McCoy (Sr.)	4 Ron Monteilh (Jr.)
WR 85 John Donahoe (Sr.)	88 D.J. Hackett (Sr.)
ST 73 Clint O'Neal (So.)	65 Del Scales (Fr.)
SG 69 Karl Allis (Sr.)	63 Jack Tipton (Fr.)
C 58 Mark Fenton (Fr.)	52 Derek Stemrich (Jr.)
TG 62 Marwan Hage (Sr.)	72 Drew Shader (So.)
TT 79 Gary Moore (So.)	75 Frederick Staugh (Fr.)
TE 45 Quinn Sypniewski (Sr.)	86 Jesse Wallace (Jr.)
QB 14 Joel Klatt (So.)	10 James Cox (Fr.)
TB 42 Bobby Purify (Sr.)	2 Brian Calhoun (So.)
FB 34 Lawrence Vickers (So.)	32 J.P. diZerega (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 Gabe Nyenhuis (Sr.)	60 Matt McChesney (Jr.)
DT 94 DeAndre Fluellen (Sr.)	96 Marcus Jones (Fr.)
DT 90 Sam Wilder (Jr.)	98 Brandon Dabdoub (Jr.)
DE 30 Marques Harris (Sr.)	51 Alex Ligon (Fr.)
ILB 54 Sean Tufts (Sr.)	50 Chris Hollis (So.)
ILB 49 Thaddeaus Washington (Fr.)	50 Chris Hollis (So.)
CB 1 Sammy Joseph (Fr.)	14 A.J. Anderson (So.)
CB 6 Phil Jackson (Sr.)	19 Allen Mackey (Jr.)
SS 12 Akarika Dawn (So.)	35 Omar Stewart (Sr.)
WS 20 Clyde Surrell (Sr.)	27 Brian Iwuh (So.)
FS 17 Medford Moorer (Sr.)	5 J.J. Billingsley (So.)

Special Teams

K 39 Kevin Eberhart (Fr.)
P 29 John Torp (So.)
KR 2 Brian Calhoun (So.)
PR 15 Jeremy Bloom (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Joel Klatt, 0-3-0-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Bobby Purify, 132 car., 739 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Derek McCoy, 41 rec., 643 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Medford Moorer, 120, 81 solo
Sacks:	Sam Wilder, 5
Interceptions:	Medford Moorer, 4 for 84 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

51 Colorado went 4-1 on the road last season and has won 51 road games since the start of the 1988 season. The Buffs' 51-21-1 road record over that span is the seventh best in the nation.

2003 Schedule	
A. 30 #Colorado State	*
S. 6 UCLA	*
S. 13 Washington State	W
S. 20 at Florida State	L
O. 4 at Baylor	W
O. 11 Kansas	W
O. 18 at Kansas State	L
O. 25 Oklahoma	L
N. 1 at Texas Tech	W
N. 8 Missouri	*
N. 15 at Iowa State	W
N. 28 Nebraska	*
#Denver, CO	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results	
A. 31 #Colorado State	L 14-19
S. 7 San Diego State	W 34-14
S. 14 USC	L 3-40
S. 21 at UCLA	W 31-17
O. 5 Kansas State	W 35-31
O. 12 at Kansas	W 53-29
O. 19 Baylor	W 34-0
O. 26 Texas Tech	W 37-13
N. 2 at Oklahoma	L 11-27
N. 9 at Missouri	W 42-35
N. 16 Iowa State	W 41-27
N. 29 at Nebraska	W 28-13
D. 7 Oklahoma	L 7-29
D. 28 @Wisconsin	L 28-31
#Denver @Alamo Bowl	

2002 National Rankings		
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.4 ppg	51
Rushing	232.8 ypg	9
Passing	141.7 ypg	106
Total	374.5 ypg	58
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.2 ppg	39
Rushing	170.1 ypg	81
Passing	195.6 ypg	34
Total	365.7 ypg	60
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.50	35

Head Coach: Gary Barnett

2002 Record (Big 12): 9-5 (7-1)

Oklahoma State cowboys

Offense

Josh Fields just kept getting better as his sophomore season progressed. He eventually shattered school records for completions, attempts, yards and touchdowns in a season. The junior quarterback is just one of three returning offensive stars who give Oklahoma State reason to believe it can contend for a Big 12 title.

Fields isn't even the Cowboys' headliner. That tag belongs to wide receiver Rashaun Woods, an All-American coming off his own record-breaking season in which he led the nation with 17 touchdown catches.

Balancing the air attack with tailback Tatum Bell, who averaged 132.6 yards over the final seven games — six of those OSU wins — could allow the Cowboys to improve on the 411 yards per game they averaged a year ago.

"Tatum has really matured," says offensive coordinator Mike Gundy. "He's always had great speed and talent, but now he's running tough. That's what we've got to have."

Still, questions remain to be addressed. An offensive line needing replacements at both tackles must come along. Other receiving threats must emerge to complement Woods.

Defense

Coaches didn't know how Paul Duren would hold up as a redshirt freshman filling a linebacker void. All he did was lead the team in tackles. He'll be counted on for similar production in '03, as the Cowboys try to cover up major losses at defensive tackle with upgrades almost everywhere else. Still, Kevin Williams and LaWaylon Brown, forces inside a year ago, will be missed.

34.3 The Cowboys were 13th nationally in scoring offense at 34.3 points per game in '02. Most of that production is back with Rashaun Woods, Josh Fields, Tatum Bell, et al.

Three rotating ends — Greg Richmond, Antonio Smith and Khreem Smith — are talented enough to pick up some of the slack across the front.

Duren leads a young but exciting group of linebackers. And the secondary is expected to be the best of the Les Miles era, after coaches turned to freshmen for an infusion of speed and toughness a year ago in a move that paid off down the stretch.

The spring offered no revelations at defensive tackle as expected replacements Clay Coe and Kyle Hix were out with injuries. Three touted incoming freshmen are being counted on to contribute, but that's asking a lot with an opening date at Nebraska.

Specialists

Placekicker Luke Phillips and punter Cole Farden are proven commodities, and both are capable of All-Big 12 seasons.

Coaches are excited about the return game, where Robert Jones, Darrent Williams, Errick McCown, Daniel McLemore and Gabe Lindsay combine speed and vision in the open field.

Final Analysis

The Cowboys finished one conference victory shy of playing in the 2002 Big 12 championship game. Wins over Texas A&M, Nebraska and Oklahoma were enlightening for a previously underachieving team. Now confident, OSU players and coaches are convinced they can compete for a Big 12 title.

Enough key components are in place, beginning with the triplets on offense — Rashaun Woods, Josh Fields and Tatum Bell.

Preseason developments, especially at defensive tackle, will be critical with the Cowboys opening the season Aug. 30 at Nebraska.

That game might hold the key to OSU's ultimate goals. Win, and OSU rolls into games against Kansas State and Texas Tech unbeaten and uninhibited.

Big 12 South Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #29

Rashaun Woods



Larry Smith

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 82 Rashaun Woods (Sr.)	15 Kenneth Williams (So.)
WR 84 D'Juan Woods (Fr.)	85 John Wohlgenuth (Jr.)
LT 57 Matt Hardison (Sr.)	Adam Gourley (Jr.)
LG 69 Chris Akin (Jr.)	66 Corey Curtis (So.)
C 56 Ben Buie (Jr.)	63 Bryon Machado (So.)
RG 76 Sam Mayes (Jr.)	64 Jonathan Cruz (Fr.)
RT 78 Kellen Davis (So.)	73 Doug Koenig (Sr.)
TE 86 Billy Bajema (Jr.)	80 Charlie Johnson (So.)
QB 13 Josh Fields (Jr.)	14 Jamie Beeghley (Fr.)
TB 7 Tatum Bell (Sr.)	2 Seymore Shaw (Jr.)
FB 40 Tim Burrough (Sr.)	39 Shawn Willis (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 45 Greg Richmond (Sr.)	50 Darnell Smith (Fr.)
DT 96 Clay Coe (Jr.)	98 Mike Williams (Sr.)
DT 83 Kyle Hix (So.)	X. Lawson-Kennedy (Fr.)
DE 91 Antonio Smith (Jr.)	52 Khreem Smith (Sr.)
LB 12 Paul Duren (So.)	41 Pagitte McGee (So.)
LB 99 Lawrence Pinson (So.)	49 Glenn Jackson (Fr.)
CB 9 Darrent Williams (Jr.)	25 Andre Johnson (So.)
CB 6 Robert Jones (Jr.)	4 Daniel McLemore (So.)
SS 20 Vernon Grant (So.)	2 Fath' Carter (Sr.)
FS 10 Thomas Wright (So.)	14 Chase Holland (So.)
WS 3 Elbert Craig (Sr.)	44 Jamar Ransom (So.)

Special Teams

K 27 Luke Phillips (Sr.)
P 18 Cole Farden (Jr.)
KR 6 Robert Jones (Jr.)
PR 11 Gabe Lindsay (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Josh Fields, 226-408-3, 145-10, 31 TDs
Rushing:	Tatum Bell, 175 car., 1,096 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving:	Rashaun Woods, 107 rec., 1,695 yds., 17 TDs
Tackles:	Paul Duren, 84, 56 solo
Sacks:	Greg Richmond, 7
Interceptions:	Darrent Williams, 3 for 47 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Nebraska	*
S. 6 Wyoming	W
S. 13 SW Missouri State	W
S. 20 at SMU	W
O. 4 UL-Lafayette	W
O. 11 Kansas State	L
O. 18 Texas Tech	W
O. 25 at Texas A&M	*
N. 1 at Oklahoma	L
N. 8 Texas	L
N. 15 Kansas	W
N. 22 at Baylor	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at La. Tech	L	36-39
S. 7 Northern Iowa	W	45-10
S. 14 UCLA	L	24-38
S. 21 SMU	W	52-16
O. 5 at Texas	L	15-17
O. 12 at Kansas State	L	9-44
O. 19 Nebraska	W	24-21
N. 2 Texas A&M	W	28-23
N. 9 at Texas Tech	L	24-49
N. 16 at Kansas	W	55-20
N. 23 Baylor	W	63-28
N. 30 Oklahoma	W	38-28
D. 27 #Southern Miss	W	33-23
#Houston Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.3 ppg	13
Rushing	148.5 ypg	58
Passing	262.6 ypg	25
Total	411.1 ypg	21
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.4 ppg	69
Rushing	147.1 ypg	50
Passing	251.6 ypg	100
Total	398.7 ypg	80
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-2	-0.15	71

Head Coach: Les Miles

2002 Record (Big 12): 8-5 (5-3)

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Penn State

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Offense

The key returnee for Penn State is quarterback Zack Mills, who embarks on his third year as a starter. The crafty Mills was on his way to a record-shattering effort in 2002 before injuring his left (throwing) arm midway through 2002. With the sudden emergence of running back Larry Johnson, State practically stopped throwing the ball.

Johnson's gone now. So is most of the line that cleared the way for him, which means that a reportedly healthy Mills and the passing game will step back into the spotlight. Versatile Michael Robinson is the backup. Strong and fast, he may be the team's most dangerous running threat.

Speaking of runners, the Lions must replace Johnson. True freshman Austin Scott rushed for 3,853 yards as a prep senior. Scott will contend with a deep pool of tailback talent at PSU, led by Mike Gasparato and Ricky Upton.

The staff is looking for Tony Johnson to emerge as a go-to receiver after serving as a complement to the graduated Bryant Johnson for the past two seasons. The most intriguing prospect in the fight to replace Bryant Johnson is Ernie Terrell, a sprinter on the PSU track team who checks in at a robust 6'3", 205 pounds.

Four starters are gone from the offensive line. Paterno admits that the players who are on hand to replace them have much more talent, but they "have yet to show me that they have the kind of intensity it is going to take," he says. Tackle Chris McKelvy is the lone returning starter up front.

13-4 Under Joe Paterno, the Nittany Lions are 20-10-1 in bowl games. Penn State owns an impressive 13-4 mark in the Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton and Fiesta Bowls combined.

Defense

The defensive line was hit hard by graduation, too, with NFL draft picks Jimmy Kennedy, Michael Haynes and Anthony Adams all gone. But State did a nice job of rotating in younger players last fall, so generally speaking the new faces are not completely green.

One lineman who didn't play in 2002, massive tackle Levi Brown, drew raves for his work on the scout team and figures to start.

Penn State is starting to take on the look of "Linebacker U." again, with second-team All-Big Ten pick Gino Capone back in the middle and super-athletic Derek Wake attacking from the outside. With the sack master Haynes gone at end, expect coordinator Tom Bradley to blitz Wake and fellow outside backers LaMar Stewart and Deryck Toles more often.

Watch for redshirt freshman Maurice Humphrey to make a real splash at cornerback after sitting out last season as a Prop 48 partial qualifier. He is said to rank among PSU's best athletes.

Specialists

The key loss here is steady punter David Royer. The replacement will be newcomer Jeremy Kapinos, a 233-pounder with a great leg but no game experience. Otherwise, the Lions are in great shape, with a proven kicker (Robbie Gould) and the nation's best kickoff specialist (David Kimball).

Final Analysis

Penn State sustained heavy graduation losses but has more than enough talent left over to make do at the skill positions and along the defensive line. Developing an effective offensive front is another story, considering that four starters are gone, and the coaching staff gave the reserves practically no playing time last fall. If the line can't keep Mills off the turf, things could get ugly.

Big Ten Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #30



Zack Mills

Steve Waltmann

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 11 Tony Johnson (Sr.)	13 Kinta Palmer (So.)
WR 19 Gerald Smith (Jr.)	31 Ernie Terrell (So.)
LT 75 Chris McKelvy (Sr.)	56 Tommy McHugh (So.)
LG 54 Scott Davis (Jr.)	59 Charles Rush (So.)
C 61 David Costlow (Sr.)	70 Nick Marmo (Jr.)
RG 74 Tyler Reed (So.)	53 Steve Roach (Fr.)
RT 76 Damone Jones (Sr.)	68 John Wilson (So.)
TE 93 Casey Williams (Sr.)	33 Mike Lukac (Sr.)
QB 7 Zack Mills (Jr.)	12 Michael Robinson (So.)
FB 42 Sean McHugh (Sr.)	39 Paul Jefferson (Sr.)
TB 32 Mike Gasparato (Jr.)	44 Ricky Upton (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 87 John Bronson (Jr.)	55 Matthew Rice (So.)
DT 91 Tamba Hali (So.)	69 Jason Robinson (Jr.)
DT 90 Levi Brown (Fr.)	85 Jay Alford (Fr.)
DE 86 Jeremiah Davis (Jr.)	99 Sam Ruhe (Jr.)
OLB 2 Deryck Toles (Sr.)	37 LaMar Stewart (Jr.)
MLB 47 Gino Capone (Sr.)	16 Andy Ryland (Jr.)
OLB 94 Derek Wake (Jr.)	38 Jimi Mitchell (Jr.)
CB 5 Maurice Humphrey (Fr.)	21 Alan Zemaitis (So.)
CB 25 Rich Gardner (Sr.)	34 Gio Vendemia (So.)
SS 27 Chris Harrell (Jr.)	15 Yaacov Yisrael (Sr.)
FS 10 Calvin Lowry (So.)	29 Paul Cronin (So.)

Special Teams

K 4 Robbie Gould (Jr.)
P 36 Jeremy Kapinos (Fr.)
KR 11 Tony Johnson (Sr.)
PR 10 Calvin Lowry (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Zack Mills, 188-333-2,417-10, 17 TDs
Rushing:	Michael Robinson, 50 car., 263 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Tony Johnson, 34 rec., 549 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Gino Capone, 86, 59 solo
Sacks:	John Bronson, 4
Interceptions:	3 players with 2 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Temple	W
S. 6 Boston College	W
S. 13 at Nebraska	*
S. 20 Kent State	W
S. 27 Minnesota	*
O. 4 Wisconsin	L
O. 11 at Purdue	L
O. 25 at Iowa	*
N. 1 Ohio State	L
N. 8 at Northwestern	W
N. 15 Indiana	W
N. 22 at Michigan State	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 UCF	W 27-24
S. 14 Nebraska	W 40-7
S. 21 Louisiana Tech	W 49-17
S. 28 Iowa	L 35-42
O. 5 at Wisconsin	W 34-31
O. 12 at Michigan	L 24-27
O. 19 Northwestern	W 49-0
O. 26 at Ohio State	L 7-13
N. 2 Illinois	W 18-7
N. 9 Virginia	W 35-14
N. 16 at Indiana	W 58-25
N. 23 Michigan State	W 61-7
J. 1 #Auburn	L 9-13
#Capital One Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.3 ppg	13
Rushing	228.6 ypg	10
Passing	195.1 ypg	72
Total	423.7 ypg	14
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.5 ppg	11
Rushing	114.8 ypg	21
Passing	215.3 ypg	58
Total	330.1 ypg	27
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+14	+1.08	14

Head Coach: Joe Paterno

2002 Record (Big Ten): 9-4 (5-3)

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Texas A&M aggies

Offense

The torch has been passed at Texas A&M, and new coach Dennis Franchione inherits an offense that appears quite capable of torching opponents with the pass. Sophomore Reggie McNeal, the elusive playmaker with the big arm and the quick feet, displayed remarkable skills in the pocket and on the run when he was healthy last year, but his thin frame is a concern. With or without McNeal, the Aggies' passing game should be productive, as Dustin Long returns after passing for 2,509 yards, the second-highest single-season total in school history.

The Aggies' quarterbacks also have playmaking pass catchers at their disposal. A&M returns two of the Big 12's best receivers in Jamaar Taylor and Terrence Murphy. Taylor is a go-to target, catching 44 passes for a team-high 17.3 yards per reception. Murphy was slowed early last season by a broken thumb, but he still managed to catch 36 passes for 599 yards.

The running game, however, is another story. A&M has failed to average better than 3.8 yards per carry for five straight seasons. Junior Derek Farmer is an adequate tailback, but he often appears to seek contact instead of avoiding it. Redshirt freshman Courtney Lewis had a great spring and could emerge as the Aggies' top tailback.

With four regulars back, the offensive line could be better in 2003. Of course, the offensive line hasn't been that impressive since A&M won the Big 12 title in 1998.

Defense

New defensive coordinator Carl Torbush says he loves the "Wrecking Crew" moniker he inherits. But it will feature a different look, as

A&M moves from the 3-4 to the 4-3. That will put an emphasis on finding more defensive linemen, and the Aggies' first-team line appears to be solid. Tackles Marcus Jasmin and Johnny Jolly are both big run-stoppers in the middle, while Linnis Smith and David Ross form athletic bookends.

At linebacker, A&M will replace some crafty veterans with more athletic youngsters such as Randall Webb and Archie McDaniel. Senior Jared Morris is back in the middle of the defense, but with speed as an emphasis, Webb, McDaniel, Everett Smith and Nurahda Manning should form an impressive rotation.

In the secondary, safety Jaxson Appel emerged last season as the leader and one of the top playmakers on the roster. The return of Appel and cornerback Byron Jones gives the Aggies more playmaking experience. But the defensive backfield, as a whole, remains a concern.

Specialists

The Aggies return one of the nation's best punters in senior Cody Scates, who averaged 43.7 yards per punt. But a concern for A&M remains at placekicker, where Todd Pegram had an inconsistent debut, hitting just 12-of-21 field goal attempts last season.

Final Analysis

A&M must find replacements for several key defensive starters, but with a long list of promising youngsters stepping into new roles, the new-look Wrecking Crew should be up to its old standards. While the Aggies appear to have a potent passing attack, A&M must become a better running team to get back into the final Top 25 for the first time since 1999. The Aggies have not produced a 1,000-yard rusher since 1998 and have not been physical enough up front.

A return to postseason play is likely, but A&M isn't quite ready to contend in the rigorous Big 12 South.

Big 12 South Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #31



Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	5 Terrence Murphy (Jr.)	15 Anthony Wright (So.)
WR	2 Jamaar Taylor (Sr.)	8 John Roberson (So.)
SL*	3 Terrence Thomas (Jr.)	80 L'Tydrick Riley (So.)
LT	75 Jami Hightower (Jr.)	74 Dominique Steamer (So.)
LG	50 John Kirk (Sr.)	65 Andre Brooks (Sr.)
C	66 Geoff Hangartner (Jr.)	54 James Milkovich (Sr.)
RG	76 Aldo De La Garza (So.)	71 Quentin Holman (So.)
RT	73 Alan Reuber (Sr.)	67 Alex Kotzur (Fr.)
TE	98 Thomas Carriger (Jr.)	96 Ryan White (So.)
QB	16 Reggie McNeal (So.)	18 Dustin Long (Jr.)
FB	34 Keith Joseph (Jr.)	40 Thomas Perry (Sr.)
TB	1 Derek Farmer (Jr.)	25 Courtney Lewis (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE	99 David Ross (Fr.)	95 Marques Thornton (Fr.)
DT	60 Johnny Jolly (So.)	93 Julian Parks (Fr.)
DT	91 Marcus Jasmin (Jr.)	59 Brian Patrick (So.)
DE	88 Linnis Smith (Sr.)	90 Lawrence Hooper (So.)
LB	42 Everett Smith (Sr.)	41 Archie McDaniel (So.)
LB	45 Jared Morris (Sr.)	97 Scott Stickane (Sr.)
ROV	55 Randall Webb (Jr.)	49 Nurahda Manning (So.)
CB	31 Sean Weston (Sr.)	23 Ronald Jones (So.)
CB	11 Byron Jones (Jr.)	6 Bryant Singleton (So.)
SS	33 Keelan Jackson (Jr.)	35 Anthony Squillante (Jr.)
FS	19 Jaxson Appel (So.)	40 Kevin Mangum (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	13 Todd Pegram (So.)
P	20 Cody Scates (Sr.)
KR	3 Terrence Thomas (Jr.)
PR	7 Jason Carter (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Dustin Long, 177-333-2,509-16, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Derek Farmer, 172 car., 739 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving:	Jamaar Taylor, 44 rec., 760 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Jaxson Appel, 73, 45 solo
Sacks:	Randall Webb, 7
Interceptions:	Jaxson Appel, 4 for 46 yds., Byron Jones, 4 for 117 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

155 New A&M coach Dennis Franchione has 155 career victories, which places him seventh among active Division I-A coaches.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Arkansas State	W
S. 6	Utah	W
S. 18	at Virginia Tech	L
S. 27	Pittsburgh	L
O. 4	at Texas Tech	*
O. 11	Baylor	W
O. 18	at Nebraska	*
O. 25	Oklahoma State	*
N. 1	Kansas	W
N. 8	at Oklahoma	L
N. 15	at Missouri	*
N. 28	Texas	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	UL-Lafayette	W	31-7
S. 7	at Pittsburgh	W	14-12
S. 21	Virginia Tech	L	3-13
S. 28	Louisiana Tech	W	31-3
O. 5	Texas Tech	L	47-48
O. 12	at Baylor	W	41-0
O. 19	at Kansas	W	47-22
O. 26	Nebraska	L	31-38
N. 2	at Oklahoma St.	L	23-28
N. 9	Oklahoma	W	30-26
N. 16	Missouri	L	27-33
N. 29	at Texas	L	20-50

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.8 ppg	49
Rushing	118.2 ypg	92
Passing	268.0 ypg	21
Total	386.2 ypg	47
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.3 ppg	42
Rushing	130.9 ypg	37
Passing	207.5 ypg	51
Total	338.4 ypg	35
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.17	49

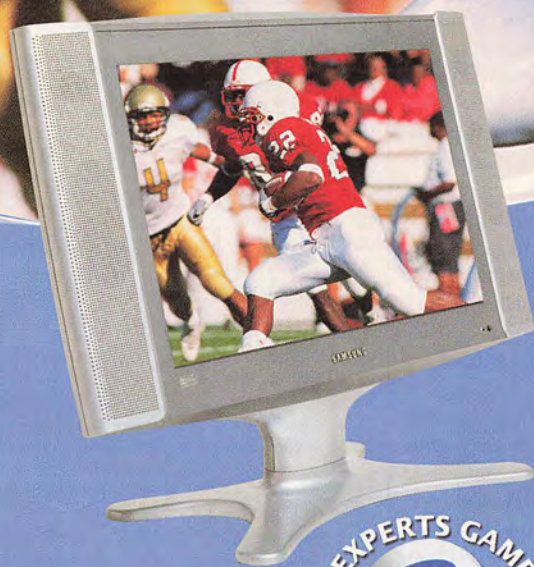
Head Coach: Dennis Franchione

2002 Record (Big 12): 6-6 (3-5)

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UCLA bruins

Offense

When UCLA finds a quarterback, everything else should fall neatly into place. Sophomores Drew Olson and Matt Moore are competing, not only for the starting job, but also for the right to utilize the Bruins' many offensive playmakers. "The quarterbacks are my main concern," first-year coach Karl Dorrell says. "Since they don't have much experience, it's going to be very intriguing."

UCLA's leading running back, 5'9" Tyler Ebell, will now be complemented by 6'3" power runner Manuel White. The Bruins will also add top recruit Maurice Drew to a talented sophomore class that brings plenty of depth.

The receiving corps is at least as loaded. Returning starters Craig Bragg and Tab Perry could emerge as one of the best duos in the Pac-10 with their combined size and speed. Mercedes Lewis, a 6'6" tight end, is also hoping to show why he was the most-recruited player at his position two years ago.

UCLA has plenty of skill, but will need to get stronger on the offensive line. Three starters return, though Steven Vieira moved from right guard to left tackle during spring practice to shore up a potential weakness.

Defense

The strength of the UCLA defense starts up front, with tackles Rodney Leisle and Ryan Boschetti, as well as twin defensive ends Dave and Mat Ball, all of whom are quality pass rushers.

Also, the Bruins are expecting to stuff the run because linebackers Brandon Chillar and Spencer Havner are returning with quality experience. The only questionable spots in the

defense will be at middle linebacker and one cornerback position.

Matt Ware gives UCLA a shut-down corner, and Ben Emanuel II and Jarrad Page force turnovers at safety, but the Bruins will have to replace vocal leader Ricky Manning with either Matt Clark or Glenn Ohaeri.

"I'm excited about this group because they were so receptive to the new staff in the off-season," defensive coordinator Larry Kerr says. "We knew there was a lot of talent here, but we asked them to be open-minded, and they were."

Specialists

UCLA has a talented punter and kicker, but no one has seen them before. Punter Chris Kluwe and kicker Justin Medlock were highly rated recruits who have little game experience because Nate Fikse and Chris Griffith played the past four years.

The return men, Bragg and Perry, are proven big-play commodities and should give special teams a turbo boost.

Final Analysis

New coaches usually need a year or two to install their offensive and defensive system. UCLA, however, is ready to contend right now. Dorrell and his assistants should bring some fresh enthusiasm, and the Bruins return the same nucleus that won eight games last season and captured the Las Vegas Bowl.

UCLA doesn't have many standouts but is solid and experienced at almost every position. Although the Bruins could take some hits early in the season at Colorado and Oklahoma, they should feast on a relatively soft conference schedule, which brings the toughest teams to the Rose Bowl.

If UCLA can find a quarterback who doesn't make many mistakes and can convert short passes to talented playmakers, the Bruins could contend for the Pac-10 right until the end.

Pac-10 Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #32



Craig Bragg

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 87 Craig Bragg (Jr.)	25 Ryan Smith (Sr.)
FL 1 Tab Perry (Sr.)	8 Junior Taylor (So.)
LT 76 Steven Vieira (Jr.)	74 Paul Mociler (Jr.)
LG 64 Eyoseph Efeaseff (Jr.)	69 Tyson Clayton (Sr.)
C 59 Mike McCloskey (So.)	54 Robert Chai (Fr.)
RG 55 Shane Lehmann (Sr.)	69 Tyson Clayton (Sr.)
RT 73 Ed Blanton (So.)	74 Paul Mociler (Jr.)
TE 19 Mercedes Lewis (So.)	89 Keith Carter (So.)
QB 14 Drew Olson (So.)	7 Matt Moore (So.)
FB 29 Manuel White (Jr.)	47 Pat Norton (Jr.)
TB 2 Tyler Ebell (So.)	27 Akil Harris (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 49 Mat Ball (Sr.)	35 Asi Faoa (Sr.)
DT 77 Rodney Leisle (Sr.)	99 Thomas Patton (Fr.)
DT 75 Ryan Boschetti (Sr.)	97 C.J. Niusulu (So.)
DE 43 Dave Ball (Sr.)	55 David Tautofi (Sr.)
SLB 11 Brandon Chillar (Sr.)	40 Wesley Walker (So.)
MLB 9 Justin London (So.)	42 Dennis Link (Sr.)
WLB41 Spencer Havner (So.)	45 Patrick Pierre-Louis (Jr.)
CB 6 Matt Clark (Jr.)	3 Keith Short (Sr.)
CB 17 Matt Ware (Jr.)	15 Marcus Cassel (So.)
SS 4 Jarrad Page (So.)	20 Glenn Ohaeri (So.)
FS 24 Ben Emanuel II (Jr.)	36 Eric McNeal (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 7 Justin Medlock (Fr.)
P 39 Chris Kluwe (Jr.)
KR 1 Tab Perry (Sr.)
PR 87 Craig Bragg (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Drew Olson, 53-104-702-4, 3 TDs
Rushing:	Tyler Ebell, 234 car., 994 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving:	Craig Bragg, 55 rec., 889 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles:	Spencer Havner, 96, 66 solo
Sacks:	Dave Ball, 11
Interceptions:	Ben Emanuel II, 4 for 77 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

4 UCLA has lost four in a row to cross-town rival USC, a streak that cost Bob Toledo his job and opened the door for Karl Dorrell.

2003 Schedule

S. 6 at Colorado	*
S. 13 Illinois	W
S. 20 at Oklahoma	L
S. 27 San Diego State	W
O. 4 Washington	L
O. 11 at Arizona	W
O. 18 California	W
O. 25 Arizona State	*
N. 1 at Stanford	W
N. 8 at Washington St.	W
N. 15 Oregon	*
N. 22 at USC	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 7 Colorado State	W 30-19
S. 14 at Oklahoma St.	W 38-24
S. 21 Colorado	L 17-31
S. 28 at San Diego St.	W 43-7
O. 5 at Oregon St.	W 43-35
O. 12 Oregon	L 30-31
O. 19 at California	L 12-17
O. 26 Stanford	W 28-18
N. 2 at Washington	W 34-24
N. 9 at Arizona	W 37-7
N. 23 USC	L 21-52
D. 7 Washington St.	L 27-48
D. 25 #New Mexico	W 27-13

#Las Vegas Bowl

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	29.8 ppg	39
Rushing	127.5 ypg	81
Passing	229.6 ypg	50
Total	357.2 ypg	79
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	25.1 ppg	51
Rushing	129.5 ypg	35
Passing	228.2 ypg	77
Total	357.8 ypg	52
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+2	+0.15	52

Head Coach: Karl Dorrell

2002 Record (Pac-10): 8-5 (4-4)

Minnesota

golden gophers

Offense

There's a senior quarterback returning. Minnesota coach Glen Mason will have three experienced running backs to choose from. And a big-play wide receiver is joined by a highly touted junior-college transfer. Throw in an offensive line that returns nearly intact and the Golden Gophers enter this season with the potential to score a lot of points.

Healthy again after an injury-filled junior season, Asad Abdul-Khalik is among the most experienced quarterbacks in the Big Ten. Despite ankle problems, he threw for more than 2,100 yards and 19 touchdowns. "He's had Minnesota fans get their expectations high," Mason says. "It's time for him to fill those expectations."

He certainly has players to throw to, including Aaron Hosack, who emerged last season as a big-play receiver, averaging 22.4 yards per catch. Paris Hamilton, a highly touted junior college receiver, should contribute immediately.

The Gophers' backfield trio of Terry Jackson II, Marion Barber III and Thomas Tapeh has combined for 26 rushing touchdowns and over 3,500 career rushing yards.

Defense

On the first day of spring practice, Mason was a little surprised to see defensive players with some actual size. Too small to stop the run or pressure the quarterback in recent years, the Gophers could be changing.

Sophomore Mark Losli and senior Paul Nixon return on the ends, giving the Gophers potential for legitimate outside pressure. Darrell Reid is expected to end up starting at defensive tackle, while 315-pound Anthony Montgomery should start at nose tackle.

26 Minnesota has won 26 games over the past four years, the school's best four-year run since the 1940-43 Gophers also won 26 games.

Brian Smith, a junior college transfer who practiced in the spring, has a great chance to pass Ben West and move into the starting lineup at Sam linebacker. West, who started every game last season, had off-season shoulder surgery.

Sophomore Terrance Campbell, who was fourth on the team in tackles last season, returns at Will linebacker. The drop linebacker position might be the biggest question mark on the defensive side of the ball for the Gophers.

The Gophers actually have some experience in the secondary, including senior safeties Eli Ward and Justin Isom. Ukee Dozier, a starter for most of last season, returns at one corner. On the other side, Ken Williams is expected to replace Mike Lehan.

Specialists

This may be the biggest area of concern for Mason's team. With kicker Dan Nystrom and punter Preston Gruening, the Gophers probably won a game or two in recent seasons because of special teams. That might not happen this season. Junior Ryan Duffy is expected to win the placekicking job while also handling kickoffs. Pete Ross is projected to punt.

Final Analysis

With nearly every skill player returning on offense and a solid framework back on defense, there is reason for Minnesota to be optimistic. But the Gophers have to show improvement on defense if they want to be a legitimate upper-division Big Ten team. Minnesota allowed league opponents to score 32 points per game.

In addition, this Minnesota has to prove it can do more than beat bad teams. It's been more than two seasons since the Gophers won a game that was truly an upset. Since then, the Gophers are 6-14 in league play. Can that change this season? It can if Abdul-Khalik can be consistent, if the defense can find a way to stop the run, and if special teams newcomers don't cost the Gophers any games.

Big Ten Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #33



Steve Woltmann

Asad Abdul-Khalik

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 15 Paris Hamilton (Jr.)	19 Mark Jundt (Fr.)
WR 17 Tony Patterson (Sr.)	1 Keith Matthews (Jr.)
WR*84 Aaron Hosack (Sr.)	7 Jakari Wallace (So.)
LT 74 Rian Melander (Jr.)	76 Matt McIntosh (Sr.)
LG 68 Mark Setterstrom (So.)	63 Brian Goblrish (Fr.)
C 61 Greg Eslinger (So.)	56 Tyson Swaggert (Fr.)
RG 70 Joe Quinn (Sr.)	66 Brandon Harston (Jr.)
RT 60 Mike Nicholson (So.)	78 Joe Ainslie (Fr.)
TE 82 Ben Utech (Sr.)	89 Matt Spaeth (Fr.)
QB 8 Asad Abdul-Khalik (Sr.)	19 Benji Kamrath (Sr.)
RB 23 Terry Jackson II (Jr.)	21 Marion Barber III (So.)
FB 44 Thomas Tapeh (Sr.)	38 Brandon Hagen (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 47 Paul Nixon (Sr.)	99 Keith Lipka (So.)
DT 51 Darrell Reid (Jr.)	87 Dan Kwapiński (Sr.)
NT 95 Anthony Montgomery (So.)	50 Scott Stephenson (So.)
DE 97 Mark Losli (So.)	94 Maurice Buchanan (Fr.)
LB 58 Terrance Campbell (So.)	48 Mario Reese (Fr.)
LB 46 Brian Smith (Jr.)	59 Ben West (Sr.)
LB 52 Kyle McKenzie (So.)	31 Phil Archer (Sr.)
CB 13 Ken Williams (So.)	35 Mike Wojciechowski (Jr.)
CB 25 Ukee Dozier (Jr.)	4 Trumaine Banks (Fr.)
SS 20 Justin Isom (Sr.)	12 Justin Fraley (So.)
FS 27 Eli Ward (Sr.)	6 Quentin White (So.)

Special Teams

P 12 Pete Ross (Fr.)
K 26 Ryan Duffy (Jr.)
KR 21 Marion Barber III (So.)
PR 17 Tony Patterson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Asad Abdul-Khalik, 165-315-2, 190-11, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Terry Jackson II, 239 car., 1,317 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Ben Utech, 37 rec., 480 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Eli Ward, 116, 71 solo
Sacks:	Mark Losli, Paul Nixon, 6
Interceptions:	Justin Isom, 3 for 54 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations.
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Tulsa	W
S. 6 Troy State	W
S. 13 at Ohio	W
S. 20 UL-Lafayette	W
S. 27 at Penn State	*
O. 4 at Northwestern	W
O. 11 Michigan	L
O. 18 Michigan State	W
O. 25 at Illinois	*
N. 1 Indiana	W
N. 8 Wisconsin	L
N. 15 at Iowa	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 SW Texas State	W 42-0
S. 7 at UL-Lafayette	W 35-11
S. 14 Toledo	W 31-21
S. 21 Buffalo	W 41-17
S. 28 at Purdue	L 15-28
O. 3 Illinois	W 31-10
O. 10 Northwestern	W 45-42
O. 19 at Michigan St.	W 28-7
N. 2 at Ohio State	L 3-34
N. 9 Michigan	L 24-41
N. 16 Iowa	L 21-45
N. 23 at Wisconsin	L 31-49
D. 30 #Arkansas	W 29-14
#Music City Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	43
Rushing	209.8 ypg	20
Passing	183.4 ypg	82
Total	393.2 ypg	34
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.5 ppg	47
Rushing	176.8 ypg	90
Passing	178.6 ypg	19
Total	355.4 ypg	48
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	60

Head Coach: Glen Mason

2002 Record (Big Ten): 8-5 (3-5)

Arkansas razorbacks

Offense

Arkansas is looking for better balance than last year when it led the SEC in rushing but ranked last in passing. Quarterback Matt Jones might be the answer to jazzing up the passing game — by splitting time at receiver. At 6'5", 225 pounds, Jones has the size to overmatch defensive backs and hands like a catcher's mitt. The 4.4 speed and jumping ability don't hurt either.

Ryan Sorahan, a solid passer, will play quarterback when Jones is at receiver. An added benefit of playing both, coaches hope, is to make defenses prepare for two different styles of quarterbacks.

Jones is a slippery runner. "He's a guy that no matter how well you defend everything, and even if you get people in position to make a play, there's no guarantee that you'll catch him or you'll tackle him," Georgia coach Mark Richt says.

Running back is deep with Cedric Cobbs and De'Arrius Howard, who both combine speed and brawn behind well-rounded fullback Mark Pierce. Cobbs dropped 15 pounds and will play at 225 to try to break a string of injury-interrupted seasons. The backs will run behind a line full of returning starters, led by All-America right tackle Shawn Andrews.

Leading receivers George Wilson, Richard Smith and DeCori Birmingham are back. A push finally has been made to throw to talented tight ends Jason Peters and Jared Hicks.

Defense

Arkansas creates plenty of turnovers with its speed and multiple schemes. But the Hogs can only improve from their ninth-place ranking in the SEC in total defense if they limit the big

plays that plagued them last fall. That starts up front where a pass rush is badly needed. The defensive line appears to be the team's weakest area for a second straight year, though converted linebacker Jeb Huckeba could be the answer at rush end.

The good news is that all of the linebackers and most of the secondary return. Outside linebacker Tony Bua and cornerback Lawrence Richardson are among the SEC's best at their spots. But one gaping hole must be filled — free safety, where All-SEC performer Ken Hamlin bolted early for the NFL. Lerinezo Robinson is the likely successor, but he was slowed in spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery.

Specialists

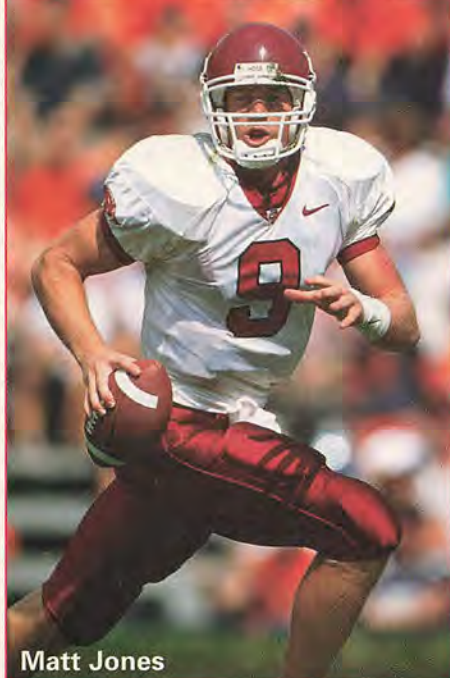
David Carlton gives Arkansas its best combination of field goal range and accuracy in at least 10 years. A new punter must be found from among Brennan O'Donohoe and signee Jacob Skinner. Marvin Jackson, who was a touchdown threat in 2001, returns to field punts after missing last season with an ACL tear.

Final Analysis

SEC offensive and defensive coordinators figured out how to attack the Razorbacks: Stack the line and make the Hogs try to throw, which they couldn't, and on the other side, throw deep against the man-to-man pass coverage until you hit a few big plays. Arkansas has to be more creative in the passing game — like it was in the spring. On defense, the line has to improve its productivity so coordinator Dave Wommack doesn't have to commit safeties to run support as much as he did last year. That left the cornerbacks playing man-to-man coverage almost full-time, and that's too much, even for talented cornerbacks. Overall, Arkansas should be better. But it might not show in the record against a beefed-up schedule that includes a non-conference date at Texas.

29-5 Arkansas boasts a 29-5 record in Fayetteville and Little Rock in five seasons under Houston Nutt. It's the best home mark among SEC schools during that time.

SEC West Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #34



Matt Jones

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Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE 88 George Wilson (Sr.)	84 Steven Harris (Jr.)
FL 8 Richard Smith (Sr.)	32 DeCori Birmingham (Jr.)
LT 75 Bo Lacy (Sr.)	67 Jason Grimes (Fr.)
LG 50 Jerry Reith (Sr.)	66 Tony Ugoh (Fr.)
C 65 Dan Doughty (Sr.)	70 Kyle Roper (So.)
RG 71 Mark Bokermann (Sr.)	78 Gene Perry (Jr.)
RT 73 Shawn Andrews (Jr.)	69 Zac Tubbs (So.)
TE 80 Jason Peters (Jr.)	86 Jared Hicks (So.)
QB 9 Matt Jones (Jr.)	10 Ryan Sorahan (Sr.)
TB 26 De'Arrius Howard (So.)	4 Cedric Cobbs (Sr.)
FB 33 Mark Pierce (Jr.)	47 Brandon Kennedy (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 90 Justin Scott (Sr.)	11 Wes Murphy (So.)
DT 98 Elliott Harris (Jr.)	93 Jayson Johnson (Sr.)
NG 92 Arrion Dixon (Jr.)	60 Scott Davenport (Sr.)
DE 15 Jeb Huckeba (Jr.)	97 Keith Turner (Sr.)
SLB 43 Caleb Miller (Sr.)	27 Pierre Brown (So.)
MLB 46 Clarke Moore (So.)	7 Brandon Holmes (Sr.)
WLB 22 Tony Bua (Sr.)	23 Desmond Sims (Fr.)
CB 1 Lawrence Richardson (Sr.)	30 Eddie Jackson (Sr.)
CB 8 Ahmad Carroll (Jr.)	3 Marvin Jackson (Sr.)
SS 14 Jimmy Beasley (Sr.)	25 Bo Mosley (Sr.)
FS 21 Lerinezo Robinson	39 Jimarr Gallon (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 49 David Carlton (Jr.)
P 41 Brennan O'Donohoe (Sr.)
KR 32 DeCori Birmingham (Jr.)
PR 3 Marvin Jackson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Matt Jones, 122-234-1,592-8, 16 TDs
Rushing:	Matt Jones, 129 car., 614 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	George Wilson, 49 rec., 626 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Tony Bua, 131, 77 solo
Sacks:	Caleb Miller, 4, Tony Bua, 4
Interceptions:	Lawrence Richardson, 4 for 25 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 6	Tulsa	W
S. 13	at Texas	L
S. 20	#North Texas	W
S. 27	at Alabama	L
O. 11	Auburn	L
O. 18	Florida	*
O. 25	at Ole Miss	W
N. 1	at Kentucky	W
N. 8	#South Carolina	W
N. 15	New Mexico State	W
N. 22	Mississippi State	W
N. 29	at LSU	L
	#Little Rock, AR	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 7	Boise State	W	41-14
S. 14	South Florida	W	42-3
S. 28	Alabama	L	12-30
O. 5	at Tennessee	L	38-41
O. 12	at Auburn	W	38-17
O. 19	Kentucky	L	17-29
O. 26	Ole Miss	W	48-28
N. 2	Troy State	W	23-0
N. 9	at S. Carolina	W	23-0
N. 16	UL-Lafayette	W	24-17
N. 23	at Miss. State	W	26-19
N. 29	LSU	W	21-20
D. 7	Georgia	L	3-30
D. 30	#Minnesota	L	14-29
	#Music City Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	26.4 ppg	67
Rushing	218.9 ypg	12
Passing	134.6 ypg	109
Total	353.6 ypg	84
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	19.8 ppg	25
Rushing	113.6 ypg	18
Passing	234.5 ypg	83
Total	348.1 ypg	43
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+17	+1.21	11

Head Coach: Houston Nutt

2002 Record (SEC): 9-5 (5-3)

Fresno State bulldogs

Offense

So much for a clean line of succession. Jeff Grady entered last season as the heir apparent to NFL No. 1 pick David Carr only to be felled by hip injuries. By the time Grady regained his health, the job belonged to Paul Pinegar.

The 2002 WAC Freshman of the Year, Pinegar has ideal size, a strong arm and is a cool customer in the pocket. He certainly didn't play like a freshman, throwing twice as many touchdowns (20) as interceptions (10). With Pinegar established, Grady considered transferring but chose to return this fall and finish his eligibility. "I'd take our two quarterbacks over anybody's in the country," head coach Pat Hill says.

The news is good at tailback and wide receiver, where proven standouts return. After setting a school record last season with 1,643 yards, Rodney Davis spent the off-season improving his breakaway speed. He'll average 20-25 carries.

In the spring, Bernard Berrian showed no sign of the knee injury that dogged him last season. He remains the primary option at wide receiver thanks to big-play ability that has produced a career 16.0-yard average and 21 TD catches.

Marque Davis, Rodney's older brother, emerged as Pinegar's go-to guy in 2002. If not for Berrian, the silky smooth Davis might rank as the WAC's best returning receiver. There's also excellent depth at tight end.

The new-look offensive line should be more athletic than its predecessor. Left tackle Logan Mankins, a three-year starter, and right guard Dartagnon Shack are the standouts.

Defense

Replacing two All-WAC defensive linemen is the primary concern heading into fall camp.

70 Fresno State has picked off 70 passes over the past four years, trailing only Ole Miss (94) and Kansas State (76) since 1999.

Fresno State desperately needs junior college All-American Donyell Booker to develop at nose tackle and Claude Sanders to emerge as a pass rusher.

Even though the Bulldogs return all three starting linebackers in Marc Dailey, Bryce McGill and David Adamo, the key word here is depth. Up to nine could see action, depending on the situation.

Cornerback was the most competitive (and improved) position in the spring. And that's with one returning starter, Dee Meza, moving to safety, and the other, Kendall Edwards, recovering from knee surgery. Raymond Washington and Awan Diles enter fall camp as the starters. James Sanders continues Fresno State's strong tradition at strong safety.

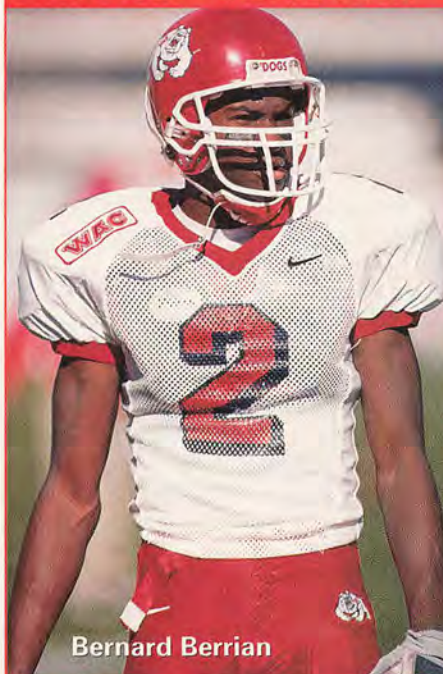
Specialists

The Bulldogs are pretty much starting over here. Punter Mike Lingua did more to ease concerns in the spring than did kicker Brett Visintainer. No such worries exist in the return game, where Berrian ranks among the nation's most dangerous playmakers.

Final Analysis

Fresno State enters the season seeking to wear its first WAC crown since 1999 while also making an impact on the national stage. As usual, Hill's schedule doesn't lack ambition. And his team doesn't lack firepower. Few teams in the country can match the combination of Berrian, the Davis brothers and Pinegar at the skill positions. But for any of this to operate, a revamped offensive line must jell quickly. Defensively, the Bulldogs must find replacements for three all-conference standouts. Porous pass coverage, particularly at cornerback, also must be tightened up. Lastly, new faces have to emerge at kicker and punter. Provided these things happen, and the injury bug doesn't bite for a second straight year, Fresno State will be sitting pretty come December.

WAC Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #35



Bernard Berrian

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 1	Marque Davis (Sr.)	18	Adam Jennings (So.)
WR 2	Bernard Berrian (Sr.)	6	Jermaine Jamison (So.)
LT 74	Logan Mankins (Jr.)	63	Kawika Edwards (Jr.)
LG 70	Sean Finnerty (So.)	77	James Martin (Jr.)
C 59	Kyle Young (Fr.)	54	Kyle Sweeney (Jr.)
RG 50	Dartagnon Shack (So.)	66	Dan Budd (Fr.)
RT 68	Matt Stevenson (So.)	63	Kawika Edwards (Jr.)
TE 86	Duncan Reid (Jr.)	82	Mark Wood (Jr.)
HB 49	Stephen Spach (Jr.)	81	Alec Greco (Sr.)
QB 13	Paul Pinegar (So.)	15	Jeff Grady (Sr.)
FB* 33	James Cummings (So.)	41	Jamal Jones (Jr.)
TB 22	Rodney Davis (Sr.)	34	Bryson Sumlin (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 47	Claude Sanders (Jr.)	55	Brian Morris (Sr.)
DT 92	Del Hawkins (Jr.)	56	Fai Satele (Jr.)
NT 99	Donyell Booker (Jr.)	91	Justin Woltz (Sr.)
LB 5	Bryce McGill (Sr.)	44	Kyle Goodman (So.)
LB 31	Marc Dailey (Jr.)	52	James Lolohea (So.)
LB 35	David Adamo (Jr.)	45	Todd Garcia (Jr.)
CB 27	Awan Diles (So.)	26	Richard Marshall (Fr.)
CB 29	Ray Washington (So.)	39	Kendall Edwards (Sr.)
SS 23	James Sanders (So.)	3	Nathan Ray (Jr.)
FS 36	Tyrone Culver (So.)	10	Dee Meza (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	38	Brett Visintainer (Jr.)
P	37	Mike Lingua (Fr.)
KR	2	Bernard Berrian (Sr.)
PR	2	Bernard Berrian (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Paul Pinegar, 230-403-2,929-10, 20 TDs
Rushing:	Rodney Davis, 313 car., 1,643 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Marque Davis, 64 rec., 956 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	James Sanders, 82, 36 solo
Sacks:	Bryce McGill, 6
Interceptions:	Dee Meza, 3 for 128 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Tennessee	L
S. 6	Oregon State	*
S. 13	at Oklahoma	L
S. 20	Louisiana Tech	W
S. 27	Portland State	W
O. 4	at Colorado State	*
O. 11	at Hawaii	W
O. 25	Rice	W
N. 1	at SMU	W
N. 8	at Nevada	W
N. 15	San Jose State	W
N. 21	Boise State	*
N. 29	at UTEP	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 23	at Wisconsin	L 21-23
A. 29	San Diego St.	W 16-14
S. 7	at Oregon	L 24-28
S. 21	at Oregon State	L 19-59
S. 28	at Rice	W 31-28
O. 4	Colorado State	W 32-30
O. 12	SMU	W 30-7
O. 18	at Boise State	L 21-67
O. 25	Hawaii	L 21-31
N. 9	Tulsa	W 31-12
N. 16	Nevada	W 38-30
N. 23	at San Jose St.	W 19-16
D. 5	at La. Tech	W 45-13
D. 31	#Georgia Tech	W 30-21
	#Silicon Valley Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.0 ppg	62
Rushing	132.4 ypg	77
Passing	241.6 ypg	41
Total	374.0 ypg	59
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.1 ppg	65
Rushing	159.6 ypg	64
Passing	245.1 ypg	98
Total	404.7 ypg	87
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.43	41

Head Coach: Pat Hill

2002 Record (WAC): 9-5 (6-1)

Nebraska

cornhuskers

Offense

In the wake of Nebraska's worst season since 1961, Frank Solich made sweeping changes, including replacing himself as offensive coordinator. The offense will continue to be built around power running, but Barney Cotton, the new coordinator and line coach, has been charged with being more imaginative and unpredictable with the passing game.

Jammal Lord is a strong runner who broke the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback in his first season as the starter. He also set a school record for total offense, but he needs to become a more efficient passer.

The Cornhuskers also need a big-play threat at I-back to take pressure off Lord. David Horne could become that. Matt Herian and Ross Pilkington are the best in a thin receiving corps.

Richie Incognito is the best of the linemen. He plays the all-important left tackle spot, where his strength, mobility and aggressiveness make him a candidate for postseason honors. Developing chemistry in the line is crucial.

Defense

New coordinator Bo Pelini has been guarded about how the defense has changed, in hopes of surprising early opponents. The changes have been significant, and out of necessity, after the Huskers allowed more yards, on average, than any season since 1983 and more points per game than any season since 1957.

Pelini has done some shuffling to bolster a line with three returning starters. Nose tackle Jason Lohr, a former starter, was granted a sixth season of eligibility after recovering from a

twice-injured knee. His return, if he's healthy, would go a long way toward stabilizing the defensive front.

Pelini's emphasis on pursuit to the ball will depend on linebackers who can run. Demorrio Williams, Barrett Ruud and T.J. Hollowell have shown they can. But depth is a concern.

Philip Bland, who was involved in 84 tackles, is a stabilizing force at safety, and Fabian Washington is the fastest and the best of the cornerbacks. He set a school record for pass break-ups by a freshman with 13 and tied the freshman record for interceptions with four.

Specialists

Kyle Larson was the coaches' second-team all-conference punter, after averaging 43.2 yards and downing 23 of 73 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line. His consistency was a bright spot during some gloomy times. Placekicker Sandro DeAngelis is coming off an injury and will have to hold off a challenge from former transfer Dale Endorf. Josh Davis has rewritten the kickoff return section of the school record book.

Final Analysis

Staff stability has long been a factor in Nebraska's success, so the Cornhuskers have moved into uncharted waters with six new full-time assistants on board. One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of the line to offensive success, an inescapable fact made painfully apparent last season. Lord can do the job at a high level if he has help and can become a more efficient passer. Pelini seems the right personality type to restore a hard edge to the Blackshirt defense, which showed dramatic signs of decline. The Cornhuskers can finish in the upper half of the Big 12's North Division and extend a 34-game bowl streak. More than that might be unrealistic, as Solich tries to get a perennially dominant program turned around quickly.

Big 12 North Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #36



Jammal Lord

David Preston

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	2	Ross Pilkington (So.)	13	Tim Liley (Sr.)
WR	24	Jack O'Holleran (Jr.)	10	Mark LeFlore (So.)
LT	51	Richie Incognito (So.)	62	Jemayel Phillips (Fr.)
LG	78	Mike Erickson (Jr.)	71	Jake Andersen (Jr.)
C	79	Josh Sewell (Sr.)	64	Kurt Mann (Fr.)
RG	55	Junior Tagoa'i (Sr.)	75	Brandon Koch (So.)
RT	68	Dan Vili Waldrop (Sr.)	69	Nick Povendo (Jr.)
TE	11	Matt Herian (So.)	82	Phil Peetz (Sr.)
QB	5	Jammal Lord (Sr.)	16	Mike Stuntz (Jr.)
IB	9	David Horne (So.)	1	Josh Davis (Sr.)
FB	4	Judd Davies (Sr.)	6	DeAntae Grixby (Sr.)

Defense (9)

DE	5	Benard Thomas (Jr.)	96	Titus Adams (So.)
NT	59	Ryon Bingham (Sr.)	94	Patrick Kabongo (Sr.)
DT	66	Le Kevin Smith (So.)	97	Seppo Ewvaraye (So.)
DE	88	Trevor Johnson (Sr.)	90	Adam Carriker (Fr.)
LB	2	T.J. Hollowell (Sr.)	54	Chad Sievers (Jr.)
LB	38	Barrett Ruud (Jr.)	11	Ira Cooper (Jr.)
LB	7	Demorrio Williams (Sr.)	40	Lannie Hopkins (Jr.)
CB	3	Fabian Washington (So.)	4	Terrell Butler (Sr.)
CB	1	Lornell McPherson (Jr.)	28	Pat Ricketts (Sr.)
FS	20	Josh Bullocks (So.)	31	Jerrell Pippens (Sr.)
SS	21	Philip Bland (Jr.)	14	Daniel Bullocks (So.)

Special Teams

K	22	Sandro DeAngelis (Jr.)
P	19	Kyle Larson (Sr.)
KR	1	Josh Davis (Sr.)
PR	22	Cory Ross (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jammal Lord, 95-204-1,362-12, 12 TDs
Rushing:	Jammal Lord, 251 car., 1,412 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Ross Pilkington, 14 rec., 301 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Demorrio Williams, 92, 38 solo
Sacks:	Trevor Johnson, 3.5
Interceptions:	Fabian Washington, 4 for 35 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

112 Nebraska ranked 112th nationally in passing. Only North Texas, Rice, Navy, Air Force and Ohio ranked lower among NCAA Division I-A teams.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Oklahoma State	*
S. 6	Utah State	W
S. 13	Penn State	*
S. 25	at Southern Miss	*
O. 4	Troy State	W
O. 11	at Missouri	*
O. 18	Texas A&M	*
O. 25	Iowa State	W
N. 1	at Texas	L
N. 8	at Kansas	W
N. 15	Kansas State	L
N. 28	at Colorado	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24	Arizona State	W	48-10
A. 31	Troy State	W	31-16
S. 7	Utah State	W	44-13
S. 14	at Penn State	L	7-40
S. 28	at Iowa State	L	14-36
O. 5	McNeese State	W	38-14
O. 12	Missouri	W	24-13
O. 19	at Okla. State	L	21-24
O. 26	at Texas A&M	W	38-31
N. 2	Texas	L	24-27
N. 9	Kansas	W	45-7
N. 16	at Kansas State	L	13-49
N. 29	Colorado	L	13-28
D. 27	#Ole Miss	L	23-27
	#Independence Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.4 ppg	59
Rushing	268.7 ypg	4
Passing	104.4 ypg	112
Total	373.1 ypg	61
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.9 ppg	45
Rushing	146.6 ypg	49
Passing	215.3 ypg	57
Total	361.9 ypg	55
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.21	73

Head Coach: Frank Solich

2002 Record (Big 12): 7-7 (3-5)

Southern Miss

golden eagles

Offense

New Southern Miss offensive coordinator Rip Scherer hopes to resurrect an offense that scored only 147 points in eight conference games. He'll introduce a two-back set that utilizes more screens and draws.

How quickly quarterbacks Micky D'Angelo and Dustin Almond adapt to the new approach will determine how far the Golden Eagles go.

D'Angelo, a drop-back passer, possesses a strong, accurate arm and owns a quick release. Almond was the only other quarterback getting significant playing time a year ago.

Southern Miss had a 1,000-yard rusher for three straight seasons in the late 1990s, but the new offensive approach likely will see the Golden Eagles sharing the football more in a two-back set. Junior James Walley is expected to get the bulk of the carries. Walley is a 196-pound back with outstanding speed and excellent vision who can be difficult to corral.

The Golden Eagles will try to work their tight ends more into the offense. Scherer likes senior Terrell Browden, a player who has the ability to turn a short reception into a big play. As for traditional receivers, the Golden Eagles will look to Chris Johnson (50 catches, 673 yards) and Marvin Young (41-615).

Offensive line coach Mitch Rodrigue has the most difficult task. He has to find three new starters to play alongside solid veterans Jim Hicks, a senior center, and Jeremy Parquet, a 6'7", 318-pound guard.

Defense

There may not be a better linebacking corps in Conference USA. The unit is led by All-

America candidate Rod Davis and junior Michael Boley, a first-team all-conference selection a year ago. Davis, hard-hitting, instinctive and always around the football, had 23.5 tackles for lost yardage and 10.5 sacks last year. Boley is athletic enough to stay in the game on passing downs. He finished with 142 tackles, third in the conference.

Coaches have moved free safety Antoine Cash to weakside linebacker, giving the defense a player who can blitz off the edge. Cash needs to work on his tackling and add about 10 pounds.

The emergence of junior college transfer Ronald Jones at defensive end last season was a pleasant development. Jones forced opponents to abandon the strategy of doubling bandit end Terrell Paul, a 246-pound senior who was a second-team all-conference selection last season and is beginning his fourth year as a starter. A warrior who will play through injuries, Paul has the speed to wreak havoc on the edge.

Another All-America candidate heads the secondary. Senior free safety Etric Pruitt, a first-team all-conference pick last year, takes on tight ends, pulling guards and running backs with equal abandon.

Specialists

This is where the Golden Eagles have to start over. Army transfer Derek Jacobs steps in to get first shot at the kicking duties. Sophomore Luke Johnson will move into the punting job.

Final Analysis

It's no secret that Southern Miss will once again have one of the nation's best defenses this season. Davis is considered by some to be the top player at his position in the nation. Boley may be the conference's second-best linebacker. The secondary, anchored by Pruitt, will be as unyielding to C-USA opposition. The key for the Golden Eagles' bid to unseat TCU as league champion will be how well the offense adapts to Scherer's multiple scheme.

C-USA Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #37



Rod Davis

Courtland Richards

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE 83 Chris Johnson (Jr.)	11 Padi Causey (Fr.)
FL 89 Antwon Courington (So.)	19 Rocky Harrison (So.)
WR 88 Marvin Young (Jr.)	85 DaRon Lawrence (Jr.)
WT 72 Myron Powe (Jr.)	64 George Batiste (Fr.)
WG 77 Jeremy Parquet (Jr.)	62 Chris White (Jr.)
C 68 Jim Hicks (Sr.)	67 Addaryl Edwards (Jr.)
SG 61 Travis Cooley (Fr.)	71 Bradley Worthington (So.)
ST 65 Neal Mead (So.)	69 Ben Culp (Jr.)
TE 35 Terrell Browden (Sr.)	37 Otho Graves (Jr.)
QB 7 Micky D'Angelo (Jr.)	9 Dustin Almond (So.)
FB 3 Anthony Harris (So.)	22 William Adams (So.)
RB 11 James Walley (Jr.)	23 Timmy Blackwell (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 90 Ronald Jones (Sr.)	97 Seante Williams (Sr.)
NT 95 Terrance Ford (So.)	58 Jared Parten (Fr.)
DT 92 Eric Scott (Jr.)	93 Greg Casnave (Fr.)
BAN91 Terrell Paul (Sr.)	50 Akeem Lockett (So.)
SLB 27 Michael Boley (Jr.)	45 Kevis Coley (So.)
MLB24 Rod Davis (Sr.)	51 Dillon Cleckler (Jr.)
WLB42 Antoine Cash (Jr.)	41 Carsha Stromas (Jr.)
CB 5 Greg Brooks (Sr.)	15 Seth Cumbie (Jr.)
CB 1 John Eubanks (So.)	21 Jasper Faulk (Fr.)
ROV14 Alex Ray (Sr.)	12 Darrell Bennett (Jr.)
FS 28 Etric Pruitt (Sr.)	18 Trevis Coley (So.)

Special Teams

K 19 Derek Jacobs (So.)
P 17 Luke Johnson (So.)
KR 1 John Eubanks (So.)
PR 88 Marvin Young (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Micky D'Angelo, 122-232-1,647-8, 7 TDs
Rushing: Anthony Harris, 78 car., 324 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Chris Johnson, 50 rec., 673 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Rod Davis, 168, 122 solo
Sacks: Rod Davis, 10.5
Interceptions: Etric Pruitt, 6 for 96 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

69 The Southern Miss defense has allowed 69 touchdowns since the start of the 1999 season. That's the fewest number allowed by a Division I-A defense during that period.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at California	W
S. 4 at UAB	W
S. 13 Memphis	W
S. 25 Nebraska	*
O. 4 at Cincinnati	W
O. 11 at Alabama	L
O. 25 South Florida	W
N. 1 UL-Lafayette	W
N. 8 at Houston	W
N. 15 Tulane	W
N. 20 TCU	*
N. 29 at East Carolina	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Jackson State	W 55-7
S. 7 Illinois	W 23-20
S. 14 Memphis	W 33-14
S. 21 at Alabama	L 7-20
S. 28 at Army	W 27-6
O. 12 at South Florida	L 13-16
O. 19 Cincinnati	W 23-14
O. 30 at TCU	L 7-37
N. 9 at UAB	W 20-13
N. 14 Louisville	L 17-20
N. 23 at Tulane	L 10-31
N. 30 East Carolina	W 24-7
D. 27 #Oklahoma State	L 23-33

#Houston Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.7 ppg	93
Rushing	143.7 ypg	63
Passing	188.5 ypg	78
Total	332.2 ypg	99
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	15
Rushing	167.4 ypg	75
Passing	168.9 ypg	10
Total	336.2 ypg	34
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.23	74

Head Coach: Jeff Bower

2002 Record (C-USA): 7-6 (5-3)

Toledo rockets

Offense

When Tom Amstutz was promoted to head coach in 2001, the long-time Toledo assistant wanted his teams to feature the type of offense that gave him fits as a defensive coordinator. So he brought in Rob Spense, the former coordinator of Louisiana Tech's high-octane offense. And since Spense's arrival two years ago, Toledo has averaged 36.6 points per game in the regular season, more than 10 points higher than in the Gary Pinkel era.

With the graduation of record-breaking quarterback Brian Jones, the Rockets will be looking for a new signal-caller to run their potent attack. The two candidates battling for the job are Cedric Stevens and Bruce Gradkowski. Both have limited experience but are gifted athletically. Three freshmen, Astin Martin, Trinity Dawson, and Quinton Broussard, combined to rush for over 1,700 yards last fall.

Toledo lost its top four wide receivers to graduation, but the Rockets boast the top tight end in the MAC in Andrew Clarke. The junior averaged 11.0 yards per catch and scored seven touchdowns in 2002.

Two-time All-MAC performer Nick Kaczur is one of three starters returning on a massive offensive line that averages well over 300 pounds per man.

Defense

The Rockets run a 4-4-3 attack scheme that puts the strong safety near the line of scrimmage. The goal is to create turnovers, and the Rockets were quite successful in 2002. Their 27 forced turnovers tied for the second-most in the 14-team MAC.

The top priority for the Rockets' defense is

8.3 Toledo has averaged 8.3 wins per season since the start of the 1994 campaign.

to find quality replacements for all-conference linebackers David Gardner and Tom Ward. Anthony Jordan returns to one inside linebacker spot after spending a year on the defensive line. The top three prospects return to man Toledo's two outside linebacker positions.

The Rockets' secondary will get a boost this fall with the addition of a proven Big Ten starter, Wisconsin transfer Michael Broussard. Toledo's corners must do a better job this fall after getting torched for an average of 213.6 passing yards per game.

Chaz Williams and Lantz Jedy return as the top two defensive tackles. The interior linemen will need to get a better push up front after UT recorded just 23 sacks last year. Frank Ofili, the team's top defensive end, is back to full strength after two straight injury-plagued seasons.

Specialists

Jason Robbins became a very steady kicker after a shaky start in 2002. He was 54-of-62 on PATs and 13-of-16 on field goals. The battle for the punter position is wide open, and a new return specialist is needed to replace Donta Greene.

Final Analysis

Toledo welcomes back 13 starters from a team that finished 9-5 and captured at least a share of the MAC West title for the fifth time in the past six years. While replacing a quarterback and the entire starting receiving corps may seem like a daunting task, the Rockets have the league's best offensive line and a talented collection of running backs that should keep the offense highly productive.

On the defensive side, Toledo was very inconsistent last year due to an ineffective pass rush that exposed an average secondary. The Rockets now have more depth and playmakers in those areas. How well the defense plays this season will determine if Toledo participates in its third straight bowl game.

MAC West Prediction: 1st

National Forecast: #38



Andrew Clarke

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	9 Terrance Hudson (Jr.)	28 Charles Searcy (Fr.)
WR	14 Lance Moore (Jr.)	25 Pete Lefley (Jr.)
WR	82 Chris Charleton (Jr.)	83 Frederick Wilson (Fr.)
LT	68 Nick Kaczur (Jr.)	75 Nate Jones (Sr.)
LG	65 Darric Randolph (Sr.)	76 Chris Wakeman (So.)
C	51 David Odenthal (Jr.)	70 Hassan Adebesein (Fr.)
RG	72 Tim Dirksen (Sr.)	69 Jesse Anderson (Fr.)
RT	74 Erik Faasen (Sr.)	67 Wael Jarbou (Jr.)
TE	89 Andrew Clarke (Jr.)	81 Chris Holmes (Jr.)
QB	5 Cedric Stevens (Jr.)	7 Bruce Gradkowski (So.)
RB	38 Trinity Dawson (So.)	27 Astin Martin (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	98 Phil Alexander (Jr.)	46 Ray Turner (Sr.)
DT	95 Chaz Williams (Sr.)	94 R.J. Cameron (Jr.)
DT	97 Lantz Jedy (Sr.)	55 Robert Menefee (Sr.)
DE	99 Frank Ofili (Sr.)	58 Melvin Butler (Jr.)
OLB	42 Brock Dodrill (Jr.)	26 Tariq Goode (Fr.)
ILB	40 Anthony Jordan (So.)	59 Jered Kingsborough (Fr.)
ILB	56 David Thomas (Jr.)	35 Seth Thitoff (Fr.)
OLB	6 Keon Jackson (So.)	1 Paul Dye (Sr.)
CB	Michael Broussard	47 Antonio Malone (So.)
CB	12 Brandon Hefflin (Sr.)	45 Bo Martin (Fr.)
FS	11 Patrick Body (Jr.)	39 Jamar Landrum (So.)

Special Teams

K	31 Jason Robbins (So.)
P	41 Brandon Hannum (Sr.)
KR	27 Astin Martin (So.)
PR	14 Lance Moore (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Cedric Stevens, 9-14-112-0, 2 TDs
Rushing:	Astin Martin, 135 car., 785 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Andrew Clarke, 37 rec., 407 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Brock Dodrill, 89, 61 solo
Sacks:	Frank Ofili, 4
Interceptions:	Brandon Hefflin, 6 for 18 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at UNLV	*
S. 6	Liberty	W
S. 12	at Marshall	W
S. 20	Pittsburgh	L
S. 27	at Syracuse	W
O. 11	Eastern Michigan	W
O. 18	at Central Michigan	W
O. 25	at Ball State	W
N. 1	Buffalo	W
N. 15	Northern Illinois	W
N. 22	Western Michigan	W
N. 28	at Bowling Green	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29	Cal Poly	W	44-16
S. 7	at E. Michigan	W	65-13
S. 14	at Minnesota	L	21-31
S. 21	UNLV	W	38-21
S. 28	at Pittsburgh	L	19-37
O. 12	Ball State	W	37-17
O. 19	at UCF	W	27-24
O. 26	Miami (OH)	L	13-27
N. 9	C. Michigan	W	44-17
N. 16	at W. Michigan	W	42-21
N. 23	at No. Illinois	W	33-30
N. 30	Bowling Green	W	42-24
D. 7	at Marshall	L	45-49
D. 26	#Boston College	L	25-51
	#Motor City Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	35.4 ppg	11
Rushing	214.3 ypg	16
Passing	257.9 ypg	29
Total	472.2 ypg	5
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	27.0 ppg	64
Rushing	150.6 ypg	53
Passing	213.1 ypg	54
Total	363.7 ypg	58
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+7	+0.50	35

Head Coach: Tom Amstutz

2002 Record (MAC) 9-5 (7-1)

New Mexico lobos

Offense

The offensive line returns five starters and averages more than 300 pounds, but it's what happens behind the line that will determine whether or not New Mexico can improve on last year's 7-7 season that ended with a loss to UCLA in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Incumbent QB Casey Kelly, a former walk-on, has guided the Lobos to an 11-8 record in his 19 career starts. He increased his completion percentage from 47.0 percent in 2001 to 57.6 percent last fall and improved his touchdown-to-interception ratio from 8-to-12 to 14-to-7. Kelly will be pushed by Washington State transfer Tali Ena, who is more of drop-back passer.

DonTrell Moore, the 2002 MWC Freshman of the Year, returns after rushing for a school rookie record 1,134 yards. Oklahoma State transfer D.D. Cox will get some carries as well.

The Lobos didn't finish last in the MWC in passing (145.5 yards per game) for one reason — the presence of Air Force. Senior Dwight Counter is the team's leading returning receiver (35 catches, 404 yards, three touchdowns).

Defense

The Lobos lost defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall to conference rival BYU. Head coach Rocky Long hired Osia Lewis, a man familiar with Long's love for the blitz, to take over the defense. Long and Lewis spent five seasons together on the Oregon State staff in the early 1990s.

UNM welcomes back seven starters, including all-conference defensive ends Daniel Kegler and D.J. Renteria, from a unit that finished 30th in the nation in total defense. Kegler led the team with seven sacks last season. Renteria will rotate to nosetackle at times to add more

8 New Mexico is one of eight schools to finish in the top 30 in total defense each of the past three years.

speed and agility up the middle. When Renteria is working at nose, senior Zach Rupp, who added 15 pounds of muscle during the off-season, will fill in at the other end.

Outside linebackers Billy Strother and Nick Speegle turned in identical statistical performances last season with the same amount of tackles (89) and sacks (5). "Billy is a really good athlete with some really good instincts," Lewis says. "He has a very good feel for the blitz package."

Starting positions are undecided at the corners, but senior Terrell Golden will return as a starter at the one of the safety spots. Brandon Ratcliff entered spring practice as the starter at the other safety position, but junior Josh Bazinet appears to have won the job.

Specialists

Tyler Gaus walked-on to the New Mexico program last fall, won the starting job, averaged 40.5 yards per kick and was named third-team Freshman All-America. Wes Zunker (1-of-4 field goals) and Kenny Byrd (1-of-2) will compete to take over the placekicking duties.

Final Analysis

Defense has been a New Mexico cornerstone during Long's tenure, and the 2003 Lobos should continue that tradition. The key to the season will be the offense, which has plenty of room for improvement. The Lobos' best bet is to lean on Moore and their veteran offensive line.

UNM must also take advantage of a home schedule that welcomes two of the league's top three finishers from last season — Colorado State and Air Force — to University Stadium. Both of those road trips resulted in losses for the Lobos in 2002. CSU and Air Force are part of three straight home games at the beginning of November that could determine whether UNM takes a step forward — or slips back to the pack.

MWC Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #39



Casey Kelly

Al Koolstra

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR 8 Dwight Counter (Sr.)	15 Rashaun Sanders (Sr.)
WR 21 Adrian Boyd (Sr.)	81 Terrence Thomas (Sr.)
QT 64 Justin Colburn (Sr.)	79 Terrance Pennington (So.)
QG 78 Calvin McDonald (Sr.)	59 Robert Turner (Fr.)
C 63 Ryan Cook (So.)	65 Jorge Enriquez (So.)
SG 76 Claude Terrell (Jr.)	67 Derek Watson (Sr.)
ST 75 Jason Lenzmeier (Sr.)	69 Bryan Humphreys (Jr.)
TE 87 Bryan Penley (Sr.)	85 Zach Cresap (Sr.)
QB 16 Casey Kelly (Sr.)	11 Tali Ena (Jr.)
FB 34 Landrick Brody (Jr.)	41 Adrian Byrd (So.)
TB 22 DonTrell Moore (So.)	31 D.D. Cox (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 98 D.J. Renteria (Sr.)	96 Kyle Coulter (Jr.)
NT 60 Guillermo Morrison (Sr.)	97 Billy Brittain (Fr.)
DE 93 Daniel Kegler (Sr.)	71 Zach Rupp (Sr.)
OLB 17 Billy Strother (Sr.)	33 Fola Fashola (Sr.)
MLB 7 Daniel Gawronski (Sr.)	55 Chrishone Harris (Jr.)
OLB 89 Nick Speegle (Jr.)	39 Shannon Kincaid (Sr.)
Lobo 6 Sidney Wiley (Sr.)	27 Kevin Walton (Jr.)
CB 32 Aaron Brack (So.)	19 Jerrell Malone (So.)
CB 14 Corey Brown (Sr.)	28 Brandon Payne (Jr.)
S 37 Josh Bazinet (Jr.)	9 Brandon Ratcliff (Sr.)
S 3 Terrell Golden (Sr.)	23 Gabriel Fulbright (So.)

Special Teams

K 80 Kenny Byrd (So.)
P 25 Tyler Gaus (So.)
KR 9 Brandon Ratcliff (Sr.)
PR 8 Dwight Counter (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Casey Kelly, 181-314-1,904-7, 14 TDs
Rushing:	DonTrell Moore, 245 car., 1,134 yds., 13 TDs
Receiving:	Dwight Counter, 35 rec., 404 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Nick Speegle, 89, 50 solo, Billy Strother, 89, 42 solo
Sacks:	Daniel Kegler, 7
Interceptions:	Brandon Ratcliff, 3 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 SW Texas State	W
S. 6 at Texas Tech	*
S. 13 BYU	*
S. 20 at Wash. State	*
S. 27 N.M. State	W
O. 4 Utah State	W
O. 18 at S.D. State	W
O. 25 at Utah	W
N. 1 UNLV	W
N. 7 Colorado State	*
N. 15 Air Force	W
N. 22 at Wyoming	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24 at NC State	L 14-34
A. 31 Weber State	W 38-24
S. 7 at Air Force	L 31-38
S. 14 Baylor	W 23-0
S. 21 at N. Mexico St.	L 13-24
S. 27 Texas Tech	L 0-49
O. 12 at UNLV	W 25-16
O. 19 at Utah State	L 44-45
O. 26 Utah	W 42-35
N. 9 San Diego St.	W 15-8
N. 16 at BYU	W 20-16
N. 23 at Colorado St.	L 14-22
N. 30 Wyoming	W 49-20
D. 25 #UCLA	L 13-27

#Las Vegas Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.4 ppg	77
Rushing	178.9 ypg	41
Passing	145.5 ypg	104
Total	324.4 ypg	102
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.6 ppg	56
Rushing	114.9 ypg	22
Passing	217.9 ypg	61
Total	332.8 ypg	30
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.14	55

Head Coach: Rocky Long

2002 Record (MWC): 7-7 (5-2)

West Virginia mountaineers

Offense

Quarterback Rasheed Marshall's ability to elude mistakes as well as tacklers gives the Mountaineers an edge. "He's got to be one of the faster quarterbacks in the country," says coach Rich Rodriguez. "And he makes really good decisions, both in the running game and passing game. Plus, he takes good care of the football."

WVU lost Avon Cobourne, the Big East's all-time rushing leader. But, says Rodriguez: "We're probably as talented at that position as we've ever been." Quincy Wilson is No. 1, but if junior college transfer Kay-Jay Harris can catch on quickly enough, expect West Virginia to put both Wilson and Harris in the same backfield. If not, the Mountaineers have a weapon at fullback in Moe Fofana.

Receivers Miquelle Henderson and Travis Garvin had good springs. The receiver who has to come through, though, is Aaron Neal. He makes acrobatic catches but isn't physical enough.

At tight end, WVU is strong with athletic Tory Johnson and dependable Josh Bailey.

WVU offensive line coach Rick Trickett is still experimenting with his group. The most pressing issue: find a dependable center.

Otherwise, though, Rodriguez and Trickett seem happy with the starters. "Probably the biggest concern there is depth," says Rodriguez.

Trickett was toying with junior college transfer Mike Watson at left tackle. The hope is to leave standout Tim Brown at right tackle.

Defense

The defensive front may be the biggest area of concern. Perhaps the strongest player scheduled to start is nose guard Ernest Hunter. The prob-

lem? He's 6'3" and 270 pounds. Ben Lynch, Fred Blueford and Warren Young will play on either side of Hunter. Lynch may be the team's best pass rusher, but he has to get tougher.

WVU may have question marks at linebacker, but outside linebacker Grant Wiley isn't one of them. "He has a great feel for the game," says Rodriguez. "He runs well. He's strong. He's confident. He's tough. He has great instincts."

In the 3-3 stack, WVU relies on two cornerbacks, a free safety and two 'outside safety' positions called the spur and bandit.

During the spring, Rodriguez tried Brian King, star of last season's Virginia Tech victory, at free safety. In the end, though, Anthony Mims was standing as the No. 1 free safety with King back at cornerback. The Mountaineers have two other talented corners in veteran Lance Frazier and sophomore Adam "Pac-Man" Jones.

At bandit, Jahmile Addae proved strong enough during spring drills. At spur, young but talented Mike Lorello probably will get the call.

Specialists

Last season, Todd James kicked and punted. This season, Rodriguez's idea is to have the senior simply punt. Casey Welch, Brad Cooper and Andy Good will vie for the kicking job.

As for returning punts, look for Frazier or Jones. Neal, Cassel Smith and Jubal Thomas are all candidates to return kicks.

Final Analysis

When West Virginia hired Rodriguez, Mountaineer fans expected to see footballs flying. But a funny thing happened — Rodriguez went to a power spread. WVU finished 2002 as the nation's second-best rushing team. This season, WVU is again expected to run to success.

Concerns include Marshall's touch passes, a questionable receiving corps and depth along both lines. But after last season's turnaround (from 3-8 to 9-4, tied for the country's best), expectations are running high in Morgantown.

Big East Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #40



Rasheed Marshall

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR* 18 Travis Garvin (Sr.)	Milo Austin (So.)
WR 83 Miquelle Henderson (Jr.)	84 Nathan Forse (Fr.)
WR 85 Dee Alston (So.)	88 Scott Beresford (Sr.)
WR 80 Aaron Neal (Sr.)	86 John Pennington (Jr.)
LT Mike Watson (Jr.)	69 Garin Justice (So.)
LG 68 Jeff Berk (Jr.)	76 Dan Mozes (Fr.)
C 67 Ben Timmons (Sr.)	71 Justin Williams (Jr.)
RG 61 Geoff Lewis (Sr.)	97 Jeremy Sheffey (Fr.)
RT 60 Tim Brown (Sr.)	78 Josh Stewart (So.)
TE 44 Tory Johnson (Sr.)	49 Josh Bailey (So.)
QB 2 Rasheed Marshall (Jr.)	14 Charles Hales (Jr.)
RB 3 Quincy Wilson (Sr.)	25 Hikee Johnson (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE 92 Ben Lynch (Jr.)	65 Warren Young (Fr.)
NG 99 Ernest Hunter (So.)	66 Craig Wilson (Fr.)
DE 96 Fred Blueford (Sr.)	Pat Liebig (Fr.)
LB 52 Leandre Washington (Sr.)	43 Kevin McLee (Fr.)
LB 91 Adam Lehnortt (Jr.)	55 Alex Lake (So.)
LB 6 Grant Wiley (Sr.)	33 Scott Gyorko (Jr.)
BAN 48 Jahmile Addae (Jr.)	47 Lawrence Audena (Jr.)
CB 11 Brian King (Sr.)	9 Adam Jones (So.)
CB 19 Lance Frazier (Sr.)	Krys Williams (Fr.)
SS 23 Mike Lorello (So.)	40 Mike Henshaw (Jr.)
FS 37 Anthony Mims (So.)	34 Jerry White (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	Brad Cooper (Jr.)
P	38 Todd James (Sr.)
KR	20 Cassel Smith (Sr.)
PR	19 Lance Frazier (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Rasheed Marshall, 139-259-1,616-5, 9 TDs
Rushing:	Quincy Wilson, 140 car., 901 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Miquelle Henderson, 40 rec., 496 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Grant Wiley, 133, 91 solo
Sacks:	Fred Blueford, 4
Interceptions:	Jahmile Addae, 4 for 14 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

3 West Virginia was one of three Division I-A teams to improve its win total by six games from 2001 to '02. The Mountaineers improved from 3-8 to 9-3.

2003 Schedule		2002 Results		2002 National Rankings		
A. 30 Wisconsin	L	A. 31 Chattanooga	W 56-7	Offense	Per Game	Rank
S. 6 at East Carolina	W	S. 7 at Wisconsin	L 17-34	Scoring	30.5 ppg	33
S. 13 Cincinnati	W	S. 14 at Cincinnati	W 35-32	Rushing	283.6 ypg	2
S. 20 at Maryland	L	S. 28 East Carolina	W 37-17	Passing	134.8 ypg	108
O. 2 at Miami	L	O. 5 Maryland	L 17-48	Total	418.5 ypg	18
O. 11 Rutgers	W	O. 12 at Rutgers	W 40-0	Defense	Per Game	Rank
O. 22 Virginia Tech	L	O. 19 Syracuse	W 34-7	Scoring	23.2 ppg	40
N. 1 UCF	W	O. 26 Miami	L 23-40	Rushing	121.8 ypg	30
N. 8 at Boston College	*	N. 2 at Temple	W 46-20	Passing	213.6 ypg	55
N. 15 Pittsburgh	L	N. 9 Boston College	W 24-14	Total	335.5 ypg	33
N. 22 at Syracuse	W	N. 20 at Virginia Tech	W 21-18	TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
N. 29 Temple	W	N. 30 at Pittsburgh	W 24-17	+19	+1.46	4
		D. 28 #Virginia	L 22-48			
		#Continental Tire Bowl				

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Rich Rodriguez

2002 Record (Big East): 9-4 (6-1)

Oregon ducks

Offense

Oregon had open competition in the off-season at both quarterback and running back, with no clear leader emerging. Jason Fife started all 13 games under center a year ago, but Kellen Clemens got the majority of the snaps in the Seattle Bowl, and the two were neck-and-neck in the spring. There are several running backs in the mix to replace Onterio Smith, the most intriguing being LSU transfer Chris Vincent. Last year's backup, Terrence Whitehead, returns for his sophomore season, along with juniors Ryan Shaw and Kenny Washington.

Besides Smith, starters must also be replaced at tight end and receiver. George Wighster left after his junior season along with Smith, prompting Bellotti to sign a junior college tight end, Eddie Whitaker. He'll team with athletic sophomore Tim Day in Oregon's frequent two-tight end sets. Samie Parker returns at receiver after choosing not to leave after his junior year, and he'll be a focal point of the offense.

All five offensive line starters return, along with key backup Robin Knebel. Anchored by center Dan Weaver and right guard Joey Forster, the line is not deep but very talented, and will be a big factor in the Ducks increasing their point production.

Defense

The Oregon defense is strong up front with questions at the skill positions. Tackles Igor Olshansky and Haloti Ngata will be one of the best tandems in the country, and they have solid, experienced backups in Robby Valenzuela and Junior Siavii. Olshansky will likely also play at end at least early in the season, as Quinn Dorsey serves an expected suspension for using complimentary game tickets to help pay rent.

115 Oregon ranked 115th (out of 117 teams) in the country in pass defense in 2002.

At linebacker, Kevin Mitchell returns on the inside, and though he is hampered by his size (5'11", 220), he may have the best football instincts of any player on the team. Middle linebacker is unsettled after the graduation of Dave Moretti, while David Martin has his last chance to prove himself on the outside after a career plagued by injuries.

Oregon was one of the worst teams in the country against the pass last season, when the Ducks relied on first-year starters at both cornerback positions. This year Steve Moore, Aaron Gipson and Marques Binns will need to prove themselves early, or risk being passed up by freshman Ryan Gilliam or a pair of junior college imports. They'll have help from the safeties, though, particularly standout Keith Lewis, second-team All-Pac-10 last season.

Specialists

Bellotti expects nothing less than an All-American season from kicker Jared Siegel, who booted a school-record 59-yard field goal at UCLA last season. True freshman Paul Martinez was recruited to take over the punting duties immediately.

Final Analysis

Oregon finds itself in just about the same position as last season — basically set everywhere but quarterback and cornerback. Everyone at both positions is back, and the Ducks are welcoming in a large group of signees to bolster both positions. In 2002, Fife at quarterback and Moore and Gipson at cornerback basically won the starting jobs by default; the challengers simply didn't materialize. This season the hope will be that someone at each position plays well enough to demand the job. If that happens, and is sustained throughout the season, Oregon can get back into the Pac-10's upper division. If it's more of the same from last season, the Ducks may find themselves out of the bowl picture.

Pac-10 Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #41

Samie Parker



Tom Treick

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 1 Samie Parker (Sr.)	8 Keith Allen (Jr.)
WR 6 Demetrius Williams (So.)	80 Kellen Taylor (Jr.)
LT 72 Adam Snyder (Jr.)	62 Jermaine Randolph (Fr.)
LG 74 Nick Steitz (Jr.)	59 Ian Reynoso (So.)
C 63 Dan Weaver (Sr.)	79 Robin Knebel (Jr.)
RG 60 Joey Forster (Sr.)	72 Adam Snyder (Jr.)
RT 77 Mike DeLaGrange (Jr.)	65 Josh Atkins (Jr.)
TE 85 Tim Day (So.)	86 Eddie Whitaker (Jr.)
QB 12 Jason Fife (Sr.)	11 Kellen Clemens (So.)
TB 27 Ryan Shaw (Jr.)	24 Terrence Whitehead (So.)
FB 32 Matt Floborg (Sr.)	33 Luke Rowley (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 92 Devan Long (So.)	30 Quinn Dorsey (Sr.)
DT 96 Haloti Ngata (So.)	94 Junior Siavii (Sr.)
DT 53 Igor Olshansky (Jr.)	99 Robby Valenzuela (Jr.)
DE 47 Chris Solomona (Jr.)	45 Matt Toeaina (Fr.)
OLB 21 David Martin (Sr.)	84 Anthony Trucks (So.)
MLB Marcus Miller (Jr.)	52 Jerry Matson (Jr.)
ILB 39 Kevin Mitchell (Sr.)	18 Ramone Reed (Jr.)
CB 4 Steve Moore (Sr.)	11 Charles Favroth (Jr.)
CB 5 Aaron Gipson (So.)	2 Marques Binns (So.)
FS 16 Keith Lewis (Sr.)	7 Stephen Clayton (Jr.)
ROV 23 Marley Tucker (Jr.)	31 Justin Phinisee (So.)

Special Teams

K 25 Jared Siegel (Jr.)
P Paul Martinez (Fr.)
KR 31 Justin Phinisee (So.)
PR 4 Steven Moore (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jason Fife, 190-367-2,752-10 24 TDs
Rushing:	Terrence Whitehead, 63 car., 272 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving:	Samie Parker, 49 rec., 724 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles:	Kevin Mitchell, 114, 64 solo
Sacks:	Kevin Mitchell, 6
Interceptions:	Steven Moore, 5 for 0 yds., Keith Lewis, 5 for 16 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Miss. State	W
S. 6 Nevada	W
S. 13 at Arizona	W
S. 20 Michigan	L
S. 27 Wash. State	W
O. 4 at Utah	W
O. 11 at Arizona State	L
O. 25 Stanford	W
N. 1 at Washington	L
N. 8 California	W
N. 15 at UCLA	*
N. 22 Oregon State	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Miss. State	W	36-13
S. 7 Fresno State	W	28-24
S. 14 Idaho	W	58-21
S. 21 Portland State	W	41-0
O. 5 at Arizona	W	31-14
O. 12 at UCLA	W	31-30
O. 19 Arizona State	L	42-45
O. 26 USC	L	33-44
N. 2 Stanford	W	41-14
N. 9 at Wash. State	L	21-32
N. 16 Washington	L	14-42
N. 23 at Oregon State	L	24-45
D. 30 #Wake Forest	L	17-38
#Seattle Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.1 ppg	24
Rushing	145.6 ypg	60
Passing	227.6 ypg	53
Total	373.2 ypg	60
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	76
Rushing	118.2 ypg	25
Passing	291.2 ypg	115
Total	409.3 ypg	94
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	42

Head Coach: Mike Bellotti

2002 Record (Pac-10): 7-6 (3-5)

Iowa hawkeyes

Offense

Senior quarterback Nathan Chandler is huge (6'7", 250), but tiny compared to the shoes that 2002 Heisman Trophy runner-up Brad Banks left behind. The switch from Banks to Chandler will be a drastic change in terms of their playing styles. Banks was a threat to run or throw, whereas Chandler prefers to stay in the pocket.

Chandler appeared in just five games last season, completing 12-of-20 passes for 161 yards and one touchdown. "He's not going to get to the corner as fast as Brad would get there," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz says, "but when he's moving, he can really throw the football pretty well."

Four starters have to be replaced on the offensive line, but there still is plenty of star power with senior running back Fred Russell and senior receiver Mo Brown leading the way. Russell rushed for 1,264 yards last season, while Brown had a team-high 48 catches for 966 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Defense

Seven starters, including three linemen, are back from a unit that was dominant at times last season. The Hawkeyes ranked second in the Big Ten in rushing defense and tied for second in the conference with 40 quarterback sacks.

Senior end Howard Hodges and senior strong safety Bob Sanders head the list of returning starters. They both made first-team All-Big Ten last season.

Senior Grant Steen returns as the starting outside linebacker for the third consecutive season. The former walk-on had three interceptions against Indiana last season, which tied an NCAA single-game record for linebackers.

Sophomore Antwan Allen also returns after

starting all 13 games at cornerback. Fellow sophomore Jovon Johnson is expected to start at the other cornerback position. He finished tied for first on the team last season with four interceptions, despite playing a limited role as a reserve. Junior Sean Considine and senior Chris Smith were in a close battle at the end of spring practice to replace Derek Pagel as the starting free safety.

Specialists

Kicker Nate Kaeding has made 47-of-59 field goal attempts during his career, including 20-of-25 from beyond 40 yards. He converted 21-of-24 field goals last season and won the Lou Groza Award. He has accumulated 267 points and currently ranks third on Iowa's all-time scoring list. David Bradley returns as the starting punter for the third consecutive season.

Bradley punted 53 times for a 39.5-yard average last season. Besides starting at receiver, Hinkel also ranked third in the Big Ten last season in punt returns with a 12.0-yard average.

Final Analysis

Ferentz rebuilt the Iowa football program in spectacular fashion. Now, he moves on to the next challenge: trying to sustain it. "To me, the philosophy really doesn't change," Ferentz says. "What you do shouldn't change, whether you're trying to climb the hill or sustain something. And really to me, you're always climbing. That's got to be your attitude. You're always trying to climb and improve."

With seven new starters on offense, it will be difficult for Iowa to match last year's success, which included finishing 11-2 overall and 8-0 in the Big Ten. The defense will have to be solid from the start, because the offense could suffer through growing pains with a new quarterback. It seems reasonable to think that Iowa could play in a bowl game for the third consecutive season. However, it probably won't be as prestigious as the Orange Bowl.

Big Ten Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #42



Fred Russell

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	11 Ed Hinkel (So.)	3 Clinton Solomon (So.)
WR	9 Maurice Brown (Sr.)	13 Ramon Ochoa (Sr.)
LT	78 Robert Gallery (Sr.)	73 C.J. Barkema (So.)
LG	75 Kory Borchers (Sr.)	74 David Walker (So.)
C	71 Eric Rothwell (Sr.)	59 Ben Cronin (So.)
RG	69 Peter McMahon (Jr.)	64 Chris Felder (Fr.)
RT	77 Sam Aiello (Sr.)	58 Blake Larsen (So.)
TE	35 Erik Jensen (Sr.)	81 Tony Jackson (Jr.)
QB	10 Nathan Chandler (Sr.)	6 Matt Bohnet (So.)
RB	2 Fred Russell (Sr.)	23 Marcus Schnoor (So.)
FB	40 Edgar Cervantes (Sr.)	43 Aaron Mickens (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	48 Howard Hodges (Sr.)	60 Tyler Luebke (Jr.)
DT	90 Jared Clauss (Sr.)	93 Jory Helms (Sr.)
DT	45 Jonathan Babineaux (Jr.)	97 Fabian Dodd (So.)
DE	31 Matt Roth (Jr.)	98 Derreck Robinson (Jr.)
LB	42 Grant Steen (Sr.)	7 Jermire Roberts (Sr.)
LB	53 Kevin Worthy (Sr.)	52 Abdul Hodge (So.)
LB	18 Chad Greenway (So.)	53 Kevin Worthy (Sr.)
CB	26 Jovon Johnson (So.)	36 Chigozie Ejiasi (Jr.)
CB	20 Antwan Allen (So.)	14 Adolphus Shelton (So.)
SS	33 Bob Sanders (Sr.)	39 Marcus Paschal (Fr.)
FS	37 Sean Considine (Jr.)	19 Chris Smith (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	95 Nate Kaeding (Sr.)
P	28 David Bradley (Jr.)
KR	11 Ed Hinkel (So.)
PR	11 Ed Hinkel (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Nathan Chandler, 12-20-161-0, 1 TD
Rushing:	Fred Russell, 220 car., 1,264 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Maurice Brown, 48 rec., 966 yds., 11 TDs
Tackles:	Bob Sanders, 102, 68 solo
Sacks:	Matt Roth, 10
Interceptions:	Jovon Johnson, 4 for 71 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

77.8 Iowa scored 77.8 percent of the time it reached the red zone last season (42 of 54 times).

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Miami (OH)	W
S. 6	Buffalo	W
S. 13	at Iowa State	*
S. 20	Arizona State	*
S. 27	at Michigan State	W
O. 4	Michigan	L
O. 18	at Ohio State	L
O. 25	Penn State	*
N. 1	Illinois	*
N. 8	at Purdue	L
N. 15	Minnesota	*
N. 22	at Wisconsin	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Akron	W	57-21
S. 7	at Miami (OH)	W	29-24
S. 14	Iowa State	L	31-36
S. 21	Utah State	W	48-7
S. 28	at Penn State	W	42-35
O. 5	Purdue	W	31-28
O. 12	Michigan State	W	44-16
O. 19	at Indiana	W	24-8
O. 26	at Michigan	W	34-9
N. 2	Wisconsin	W	20-3
N. 9	Northwestern	W	62-10
N. 16	at Minnesota	W	45-21
J. 2	#USC	L	10-38

#Orange Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	37.2 ppg	7
Rushing	214.2 ypg	17
Passing	210.3 ypg	63
Total	424.5 ypg	13
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.7 ppg	24
Rushing	81.9 ypg	5
Passing	273.4 ypg	110
Total	355.3 ypg	47
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+15	+1.15	12

2002 Record (Big Ten): 11-2 (8-0)

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz

Ole Miss rebels

Offense

The fact that quarterback Eli Manning threw all but five of the 486 passes attempted by Ole Miss last season underscores his importance to the Rebels. Manning threw for 3,401 yards, but his touchdowns were fewer (21) and his interceptions more (15) than his sophomore season when his ratio was 31-to-9.

The reason he returned for his senior year is simple. "I thought we could win some more games, and that I could be a better quarterback," Manning says.

Part A of Manning's theory could depend on the feet of his teammates as much as his own arm. The Rebels were dreadful rushing the football last season; their 94.3 yards-per-game average ranked a distant last in the SEC.

Jamal Pittman, a highly regarded redshirt freshman tailback, tore his ACL in a spring scrimmage, so if improvement is to come it will likely come from the same cast. Speedy Ronald McClendon, a former junior college transfer, returns for his senior year after leading the team in rushing with 378 yards.

Chris Collins and Bill Flowers return to lead a deep and talented receiving corps; both caught more than 50 balls last year.

Experienced senior Justin Sawyer steps in for All-SEC pick Ben Claxton at center. Starting guards Doug Buckles and Marcus Johnson, plus reserve Chris Spencer, provide experience and flexibility.

Defense

Eight starters return, but two of the three losses — linebacker Eddie Strong and strong safety Matt Grier — were major playmakers in the first season of a 4-2-5 scheme.

94.3 Ole Miss ranked last in the SEC and 110th in the nation with just 94.3 rushing yards per game last season.

Senior L.P. Spence will get the first crack at replacing Strong, and Justin Wade will start at the other linebacker spot.

Tackle Jesse Mitchell is an emotional team leader, and the Rebels expect to have quality depth up front.

Coaches believe Kelvin Robinson, a very physical player, can do the types of things Grier did at strong safety. "He has lots of technique and alignment work ahead, but he can really make plays," defensive coordinator Chuck Driesbach says.

Senior Von Hutchins moved from weak safety to cornerback late last season and remained at corner in the spring. Sophomore Travis Johnson returns as well.

Specialists

Punter Cody Ridgeway struggled with consistency at times but did manage to end up with a 42.4-yard average. Placekicker Jonathan Nichols hit 15-of-20 field goals last year, including all five from beyond 40 yards. The Rebels will be looking for a long snapper in the fall to replace the dependable A.J. Miami.

Final Analysis

Those chiefly responsible for the No. 2 passing offense in the SEC return, but so do those chiefly responsible for the league's worst running game. Pittman's injury means that little new blood will be added to the race for the starting tailback job. Sophomore Brandon Jacobs will be an interesting body to watch after moving over from fullback, but Jacobs lost valuable time nursing an injury in the spring. Defensively, increased depth should allow the Rebels to improve against the run and overcome the loss of two valuable players. If Ole Miss beats Texas Tech at home Sept. 27, a favorable schedule down the stretch — five of the final seven are at home — could have the Rebels in position for the strong finish that escaped them last year.

SEC West Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #43



Eli Manning

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 84 Bill Flowers (Jr.)	8 Chris Collins (Sr.)
FL 11 Mike Espy (So.)	7 Taye Biddle (So.)
LT 70 Tre' Stallings (So.)	75 Bobby Harris (So.)
LG 62 Doug Buckles (Jr.)	63 Ryan Jones (So.)
C 53 Justin Sawyer (Sr.)	65 Tony Bonds (So.)
RG 76 Marcus Johnson (Jr.)	73 Chris Spencer (So.)
RT 74 Cliff Woodruff (Sr.)	66 Antonio Sanders (Fr.)
TE 80 Eric Rice (Jr.)	88 Lawrence Lilly (Fr.)
QB 10 Eli Manning (Sr.)	16 Michael Spurlock (So.)
RB 47 Tremaine Turner (Sr.)	5 Ronald McClendon (Jr.)
FB 42 Rick Razzano (Jr.)	27 Brandon Jacobs (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 99 Josh Cooper (Sr.)	77 Jayme Mitchell (So.)
DT 68 McKinley Boykin (So.)	72 Michael Bozeman (So.)
NT 95 Jesse Mitchell (Sr.)	61 Daniel Booth (Jr.)
DE 85 Charlie Anderson (Sr.)	96 Cory Robinson (Jr.)
SLB 51 Justin Wade (Sr.)	81 Rob Robertson (Jr.)
MLB 48 L.P. Spence (Sr.)	45 Ken Bournes (Jr.)
CB 25 Travis Johnson (So.)	4 Bryan Brown (Fr.)
CB 5 Von Hutchins (Sr.)	14 Bryant Thomas (So.)
SS 39 Kelvin Robinson (So.)	23 Jeremy Ruffin (So.)
FS 26 Eric Oliver (Jr.)	30 Tavarus Horne (Jr.)
WS 13 Travis Blanchard (Sr.)	17 Wes Scott (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 86 Jonathan Nichols (Jr.)
P 97 Cody Ridgeway (Jr.)
KR 8 Chris Collins (Sr.)
PR 11 Mike Espy (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Eli Manning, 279-481-3,401-15, 21 TDs
Rushing:	Ronald McClendon, 96 car., 378 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Collins, 55 rec., 812 yds., 10 TDs
Tackles:	Eric Oliver, 129, 80 solo
Sacks:	Charlie Anderson, 3.5
Interceptions:	Von Hutchins, 6 for 28 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Vanderbilt	W
S. 6 at Memphis	W
S. 13 UL-Monroe	W
S. 27 Texas Tech	*
O. 4 at Florida	L
O. 11 Arkansas State	W
O. 18 Alabama	L
O. 25 Arkansas	L
N. 1 South Carolina	W
N. 8 at Auburn	L
N. 22 LSU	L
N. 27 at Mississippi St.	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 UL-Monroe	W 31-3
S. 7 Memphis	W 38-16
S. 14 at Texas Tech	L 28-42
S. 21 Vanderbilt	W 45-38
O. 5 Florida	W 17-14
O. 12 Arkansas State	W 52-17
O. 19 at Alabama	L 7-42
O. 26 at Arkansas	L 28-48
N. 2 Auburn	L 24-31
N. 9 at Georgia	L 17-31
N. 23 at LSU	L 13-14
N. 28 Mississippi St.	W 24-12
D. 27 #Nebraska	W 27-23
#Independence Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.0 ppg	62
Rushing	94.3 ypg	110
Passing	264.4 ypg	23
Total	358.7 ypg	76
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.5 ppg	55
Rushing	160.0 ypg	65
Passing	187.3 ypg	28
Total	347.3 ypg	41
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	42

Head Coach: David Cutcliffe

2002 Record (SEC): 7-6 (3-5)

Illinois

fighting illini

Offense

A year after changing starting quarterbacks three times, Ron Turner is pleased that his favorite position is settled heading into the 2003 season. Iowa transfer Jon Beutjer is entrenched after a strong finish. He helped the Illini win two of their final three games, the loss coming to Ohio State in overtime. "I'm looking for him to be more relaxed, feel more comfortable about the offense," Turner says.

Who will be at the other end of Beutjer's accurate passes isn't a certainty. Illinois lost its top four receivers, a quartet that combined for 191 catches in 2002. And the running back picture is cloudy, too. Morris Virgil, E.B. Halsey, James Cooper and Franklin Payne are all bidding to replace standout Antoinette Harris. Only Virgil has played when the outcome was still in doubt. At least the Illini have no questions at fullback. Carey Davis is back for his senior season and should be a force as both a runner and receiver.

The offensive line returns three starters, led by senior Sean Bubin. This group helped Illinois top 340 points for just the fourth time in school history. Offensive tackle Bucky Babcock has All-Big Ten potential.

Defense

The Illini surrendered 30 points or more five times in their first seven games last season. However, the defense allowed an average of just 19.8 points in the final five games with a high of 24 points in the season-finale. And with nine players returning who have started at least one game, Turner expects Illinois' defense to be among the best in the league in 2003.

1 The returning receivers combined to make one catch in '02 (take a bow, Kendrick Jones). The team lost four of its all-time best in Brandon Lloyd, Walter Young, Greg Lewis and Aaron Moorehead.

The strength of the unit is at linebacker, where former starters Joe Bevis and Ty Myers are being pushed by Antonio Mason, Josh Tischer, Winston Taylor and future star Cyrus Garrett. Matt Sinclair moves from the outside to middle linebacker, where he will likely lead the team in tackles and shouts of encouragement.

Derrick Strong and Mike O'Brien have double-digit sack potential at defensive end. The Illini want tackles Aaron Hodges, Jeff Ruffin and Charles Gilstrap to keep opposing lines busy.

The biggest defensive concern is in the secondary, where Christian Morton, Sharriff Gillon and Darnell Ray will attempt to replace '02 starters Eugene Wilson and Mike Hall.

Specialists

Turner won't settle for a punting unit that was among the Big Ten's worst. Expect Steve Weatherford to gain 2-3 yards per punt or be replaced by Matt Minnes. Placekicking is an Illini strength; long-distance expert John Gockman (5-of-7 from beyond 40) is expected to take over for Peter Christofilakos.

Final Analysis

In Turner's last five years, the Illini have followed a losing season with a winner. Turner would like to see the trend continue just once more. Beutjer is the key. If he can help the inexperienced receivers make big plays, the offense should be able to move the ball. The experience and talent of the offensive line should ease the transition for the receivers and give Beutjer plenty of time to look around.

Defensively, Illinois needs a big season from Strong and O'Brien, who have a chance to double their sack totals from a year ago.

The non-conference schedule includes Missouri, UCLA and Cal. But in the Big Ten, the Illini replace Ohio State and Penn State with rebuilding Iowa and Michigan State. The schedule changes alone ought to get Illinois six wins and back into the bowl business.

Big Ten Prediction: 8th

National Forecast: #44

Jon Beutjer



Steve Woltmann

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 84 Kendrick Jones (So.)	9 Jamaal Clark (Sr.)
WR 4 Ade Adeyemo (Jr.)	19 Mark Kornfeld (Jr.)
LT 73 Sean Bubin (Sr.)	57 J.J. Simmons (Fr.)
LG 71 Bryan Koch (Jr.)	78 Mike Zande (Fr.)
C 75 Duke Preston (Jr.)	63 Dave Hilderbrand (Jr.)
RG 67 Matt Maddox (Fr.)	72 Kyle Schnettgoe (So.)
RT 70 Bucky Babcock (Jr.)	76 Clark Collins (Jr.)
TE 81 Anthony McClellan (Jr.)	80 Estus Hood (Jr.)
QB 7 Jon Beutjer (Sr.)	11 Dustin Ward (Sr.)
RB 20 Morris Virgil (Jr.)	25 James Cooper (So.)
FB 24 Carey Davis (Sr.)	49 Brad Haywood (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 98 Derrick Strong (Sr.)	90 Scott Moss (So.)
DT 60 Aaron Hodges (Sr.)	91 Charles Gilstrap (Sr.)
DT 58 Jeff Ruffin (Sr.)	74 Mike Maloney (Jr.)
DE 93 Mike O'Brien (Sr.)	66 Brian Schaefering (Jr.)
LB 33 Joe Bevis (Sr.)	46 Antonio Mason (So.)
LB 44 Matt Sinclair (Jr.)	45 Mike Gawelek (Jr.)
LB 27 Ty Myers (Sr.)	54 Winston Taylor (Sr.)
CB 22 Sharriff Gillon (Fr.)	2 Darnell Ray (Fr.)
CB 5 Christian Morton (Sr.)	40 Anthony Longe (So.)
FS 28 Travis Williams (So.)	1 Marc Jackson (Sr.)
SS 1 Marc Jackson (Sr.)	3 Eric McGoey (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 13 John Gockman (Sr.)
P 37 Steve Weatherford (So.)
KR 20 Morris Virgil (Jr.)
PR 31 Brian Brosnan (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jon Beutjer, 193-327-2,511-11, 21 TDs
Rushing:	Carey Davis, 59 car., 319 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving:	Carey Davis, 29 rec., 201 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Marc Jackson, 42, 67 solo
Sacks:	Derrick Strong, 5
Interceptions:	5 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 #Missouri	L
S. 6 Illinois State	W
S. 13 at UCLA	L
S. 20 California	W
S. 27 Wisconsin	L
O. 4 at Purdue	L
O. 11 Michigan State	W
O. 18 at Michigan	L
O. 25 Minnesota	*
N. 1 at Iowa	*
N. 8 at Indiana	W
N. 22 Northwestern	W
#St. Louis, MO	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 #Missouri	L	20-33
S. 7 at Southern Miss	L	20-23
S. 14 Arkansas State	W	59-7
S. 21 San Jose State	L	35-38
S. 28 Michigan	L	28-45
O. 3 at Minnesota	L	10-31
O. 12 Purdue	W	38-31
O. 26 Indiana	W	45-14
N. 2 at Penn State	L	7-18
N. 9 at Wisconsin	W	37-20
N. 16 Ohio State	L	16-23
N. 23 at Northwestern	W	31-24
#St. Louis, MO		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense	28.8 ppg	47
Scoring	164.0 ypg	46
Rushing	282.3 ypg	17
Passing	446.3 ypg	10
Total		
	Per Game	Rank
Defense	25.6 ppg	57
Scoring	190.2 ypg	96
Rushing	230.3 ypg	79
Passing	420.5 ypg	98
Total		
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin	-0.67	89
-8		

Head Coach: Ron Turner

2002 Record (Big Ten): 5-7 (4-4)

TCU

horned frogs

Offense

So what does TCU coach Gary Patterson do about a crowded backfield? Last year, he inserted freshman Lonta Hobbs at midseason, and Hobbs proceeded to amass over 1,000 yards and lead the Horned Frogs to the Conference USA title and a spot in the Liberty Bowl.

This fall, Patterson welcomes redshirt freshman running back Robert Merrill, who is every bit as talented as Hobbs. If Merrill has the same impact as Hobbs, the Horned Frogs will have the league's best 1-2 backfield punch.

Hobbs wasn't the only impressive true freshman at TCU last fall. Quarterback Tye Gunn guided the Horned Frogs to wins in all four of his starts and led an attack that averaged 40.5 points in those four games. Gunn's freshman campaign was cut short by a season-ending knee injury in a 37-7 win over Southern Miss, but he is expected to be at full strength in the fall.

The team's top returning receiver, Reggie Harrell, is 6'3" and presents matchup problems for opposing defensive backs.

The offensive line is experienced. Left tackle Anthony Alabi, left guard John Glud and center Chase Johnson were starters last season. Alabi, a 6'6", 325-pound junior, is poised to become an all-conference player. Glud is the most experienced lineman and a smart player who rarely makes a mistake. Johnson, a blue-collar worker, is one of the league's top centers.

Defense

Patterson, the team's former defensive coordinator, knows a defensive strength when he sees it. His line will be the league's strongest.

1.98 TCU allowed 1.98 yards per rush in 2002. The Horned Frogs, who led the nation in rushing defense (64.83 yards per game), were the only team in the country to allow fewer than two yards per carry.

Four seniors anchor the group, led by nose tackle Chad Pugh and defensive end Bo Schobel, key figures in the nation's top rush defense. Both have All-America potential.

Despite drawing double-teams most of the year, Pugh managed 16 tackles for lost yardage and 5.5 sacks. Schobel, who is 6'5" and the team's top pass rusher, had 19 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries.

At linebacker, Patterson feels good about his top three — junior Martin Patterson and senior Josh Goolsby, who will start, and senior Devon Davis, who backs up Goolsby.

The secondary is Patterson's chief area of concern. Weak safety Marvin Godbolt, one of five defensive backs in the Horned Frogs' 4-2-5 alignment, is the most experienced of the group. He missed several games last year after suffering a high ankle sprain, but is back to make a push at All-America honors. He earned first-team freshman All-America recognition.

Specialists

TCU has the league's best kicker in Nick Browne, a Lou Groza Award candidate. Browne, a senior and former leading scorer for the men's soccer team, connected on 23-of-30 field goals. Junior John Braziel is expected to take over the punting duties.

Final Analysis

TCU's chances of defending its conference title appear strong, especially with the return of Hobbs and Gunn and another formidable defense. Although TCU suffered key losses in the secondary, its front six should be capable of giving the Horned Frogs another nationally ranked defense. Offensively, several receivers need to emerge to complement the league's best backfield and an emerging leader in Gunn. Several strong, Texas-dominated recruiting classes have given the Horned Frogs the ability to sustain injuries or replace ineffective starters. Gunn and Hobbs were replacements a year ago.

C-USA Prediction: 2nd National Forecast: #45



Bo Schobel

Steve Woltmann

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR 12 Bruce Galbert (Sr.)	17 Cory Rodgers (Fr.)
WR 81 Reggie Harrell (Jr.)	37 Quentilly Harmon (Fr.)
WR 85 Kevin Brown (Sr.)	19 Michael DePriest (Fr.)
LT 55 Anthony Alabi (Jr.)	72 Michael Toudouze (So.)
LG 66 John Glud (Sr.)	61 Ben Angeley (So.)
C 75 Chase Johnson (Jr.)	69 Stephen Culp (So.)
RG 62 Shane Sims (So.)	79 Zach Bray (Jr.)
RT 67 Jon Morgan (Sr.)	78 Herbert Taylor (Fr.)
TE 84 Cody McCarty (Jr.)	86 Stanley Moss (Sr.)
QB 15 Tye Gunn (So.)	7 Brandon Hassell (Jr.)
FB 32 Corey Connally (Sr.)	11 Kenny Hayter (Sr.)
TB 30 Lonta Hobbs (So.)	33 Robert Merrill (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE 94 Robert Pollard (Sr.)	88 Ranorris Ray (So.)
DT 87 Richard Evans (Sr.)	99 Jeremy Breedlove (So.)
NT 76 Chad Pugh (Sr.)	98 Brandon Johnson (Jr.)
DE 21 Bo Schobel (Sr.)	96 Andrew Calovich (Jr.)
SLB 50 Martin Patterson (Jr.)	53 Shawn Brooks (So.)
MLB 51 Josh Goolsby (Sr.)	40 Devon Davis (Sr.)
CB 31 Mark Walker (Jr.)	25 Eric Buchanan (Fr.)
CB 4 Tyrone Sanders (Sr.)	14 Jerome Braziel (Jr.)
WS 23 Marvin Godbolt (Jr.)	24 Kenny Boyd (Jr.)
FS 28 Jeremy Modkins (So.)	20 Chris Peoples (Jr.)
SS 18 Brandon Williams (Sr.)	29 Flander Malone (So.)

Special Teams

K 9 Nick Browne (Sr.)
P 6 John Braziel (Jr.)
KR 19 Zack Moore (So.)
PR 19 Zack Moore (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Tye Gunn, 57-91-632-2, 6 TDs
Rushing:	Lonta Hobbs, 157 car., 1,029 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving:	Reggie Harrell, 13 rec., 205 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Bo Schobel, 57, 33 solo
Sacks:	Bo Schobel, 7.5
Interceptions:	Marvin Godbolt, 2 for 83 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 1 at Tulane	W
S. 6 Navy	W
S. 20 Vanderbilt	W
S. 27 at Arizona	W
O. 4 Army	W
O. 10 at South Florida	*
O. 18 UAB	W
O. 25 at Houston	W
N. 4 Louisville	W
N. 15 Cincinnati	W
N. 20 at Southern Miss	*
N. 29 at SMU	W

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 2 at Cincinnati	L 29-36
S. 7 at Northwestern	W 48-24
S. 14 SMU	W 17-6
S. 21 North Texas	W 16-10
O. 5 Houston	W 34-17
O. 12 at Army	W 46-27
O. 19 at Louisville	W 45-31
O. 30 Southern Miss	W 37-7
N. 9 Tulane	W 17-10
N. 23 at East Carolina	L 28-31
N. 30 Memphis	W 27-20
D. 31 #Colorado State	W 17-3
#Liberty Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.1 ppg	35
Rushing	203.2 ypg	26
Passing	166.9 ypg	94
Total	370.1 ypg	66
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.5 ppg	19
Rushing	64.8 ypg	1
Passing	175.4 ypg	14
Total	240.3 ypg	1
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+15	+1.25	10

Head Coach: Gary Patterson

2002 Record (C-USA): 10-2 (6-2)

UCF golden knights

Offense

The goal is the same for the Golden Knights as they head into their second year in the Mid-American Conference — unseat Marshall in the Eastern Division and gain the school's first-ever bowl bid. These goals are likely to be reached if fifth-year senior quarterback Ryan Schneider enjoys yet another banner season. Although Schneider must find replacements for 1,000-yard receivers Doug Gabriel and Jimmy Fryzel, he already has 9,027 yards passing and 69 touchdowns and is on pace to break most of the records held by former UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper.

Sixth-year coach Mike Kruczek has the deepest stable of running backs the school has seen. Junior Alex Haynes (1,038 yards in 2002) returns and is backed by Dontavius Wilcox, Keith Williams and junior college transfer P.J. Smith. A solid running game is a rarity in Orlando, and it comes as the Knights cope with their youngest receiving corps since 1995. Tavaris Capers is fast but small, sophomore Brandon Marshall is tall and athletic and red-shirt freshman Andre Sumpter is sleek and inexperienced. Michael Gaines, an NFL prospect, and Darcy Johnson figure to see more time than most tight ends in UCF's past.

Defense

Defensive coordinator Bill D'Ottavio would like to see his linebackers mesh quickly and produce a stubborn front as soon as possible. Middle linebacker Chad Mascoe didn't live up to his hype out of junior college last year, but this year he is surrounded by a bigger, faster cast. Antoine Poe returns from an ankle injury that kept him out all of 2002, and D'Ottavio's

biggest challenge may be how to get Mascoe, Poe and last year's leading tackle, Stanford Rhule, on the field at the same time.

Historically, UCF's defensive makeup featured smaller, faster players. That changes some this year. UCF's defensive strength will be in the middle, from tackles DeMarcus Johnson, Larry Brown, Roy Williams and Frisner Nelson to Mascoe to safeties Atari Bigby and Peter Sands.

Missing on this defense, at least at the start, are marquee pass rushers and cover corners.

Specialists

UCF has a full-time special teams coach (Joe Robinson) for the first time, making this more of an area of emphasis.

Matt Prater made 14-of-21 field goals and 44-of-47 extra-points as a freshman, but the coaches would like to see more consistency. Kevin Beorlegui, Chris Kessler and Scott Sevin will battle in two-a-days to determine who punts.

Final Analysis

Possibly the biggest move UCF made from 2002 was an adjustment to its schedule. The Knights successfully moved a trip to West Virginia from September to November, giving them a chance to build some confidence heading into their MAC schedule. (Last year UCF finished 7-5 but started 0-3, including a key early season loss at Marshall.) The move won't make Virginia Tech and Syracuse any easier to beat, but it should help in the long run. Plus, UCF welcomes Marshall and Miami (Ohio) to Orlando in November, the time of year the Knights usually are at their best.

Quiet mouths should also help the Knights. Last year, MAC foes heard UCF make bold predictions about running the table in its new league; this year they won't hear a peep. The Knights would prefer to stay silent until they celebrate a bowl berth.

MAC East Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #46



Ryan Schneider

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 7 Tavaris Capers (Jr.)	19 Al Peterson (So.)
WR 81 Brandon Marshall (So.)	87 Andre Sumpter (Fr.)
LT 73 Larry Peoples (Fr.)	88 Marcus Clemons (So.)
LG 51 David Ashkinaz (Sr.)	57 Dan Veenstra (Fr.)
C 53 C. Gagne-Marcoux (Fr.)	55 Adam Butcher (So.)
RG 64 Alex Mendez (Sr.)	72 Joe Blackard (Sr.)
RT 60 Kyle Watkins (Sr.)	75 Seth Ulsh (Fr.)
TE 84 Darcy Johnson (So.)	82 Michael Gaines (Sr.)
QB 17 Ryan Schneider (Sr.)	13 Jon Rivera (Jr.)
TB 4 Alex Haynes (Jr.)	21 Keith Williams (So.)
FB 42 Andreall Curry (Jr.)	32 Dee Brown (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 95 Paul Carrington (So.)	91 Brent Bolar (Sr.)
DT 85 DeMarcus Johnson (Sr.)	98 Frisner Nelson (So.)
NT 92 Larry Brown (Sr.)	99 Roy Williams (Sr.)
DE 90 Rashad Jeanty (Jr.)	86 Trenton Jordan (Jr.)
SLB 22 Gerren Bray (Jr.)	48 James Cook (So.)
MLB 9 Chad Mascoe (Sr.)	56 Goodson Ohaegbulam (Fr.)
WLB 6 Antoine Poe (Jr.)	18 Stanford Rhule (Jr.)
CB 20 Omar Laurence (So.)	23 Alphonzo Hopkins (Jr.)
CB 3 Rovel Hamilton (Jr.)	23 Rashard Johnson (Jr.)
SS 24 Atari Bigby (Jr.)	23 Alphonzo Hopkins (Jr.)
FS 29 Peter Sands (Jr.)	37 Patrick Holland (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 36 Matt Prater (So.)
P 1 Kris Kessler (Fr.)
KR 5 Luther Huggins (Jr.)
PR 7 Tavaris Capers (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Ryan Schneider, 265-430-3,770-16, 31 TDs
Rushing:	Alex Haynes, 204 car., 1,038 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Tavaris Capers, 43 rec., 456 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles:	Stanford Rhule, 127, 69 solo
Sacks:	Rashad Jeanty, 5.5
Interceptions:	Peter Sands, 3 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

31 Quarterback **Ryan Schneider** threw a school-record 31 touchdowns in 2002, breaking the old mark of 28 held by Daunte Culpepper.

2003 Schedule

A. 31 at Virginia Tech	L
S. 13 Florida Atlantic	W
S. 20 at Syracuse	*
S. 27 at Kent State	W
O. 4 Buffalo	W
O. 11 at Ohio	W
O. 18 at Akron	W
O. 25 Central Michigan	W
N. 1 at West Virginia	L
N. 8 at Eastern Mich.	W
N. 19 Marshall	W
N. 28 Miami (OH)	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Penn State	L 24-27
S. 7 at Arizona State	L 13-46
S. 20 at Marshall	L 21-26
S. 28 Liberty	W 48-17
O. 12 at W. Michigan	W 31-27
O. 19 Toledo	L 24-27
O. 26 Akron	W 28-17
N. 2 Syracuse	L 35-38
N. 9 at Buffalo	W 45-21
N. 16 Kent State	W 32-6
N. 23 at Miami (OH)	W 48-31
N. 30 Ohio	W 42-32

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.6 ppg	19
Rushing	116.3 ypg	94
Passing	319.8 ypg	6
Total	436.1 ypg	11
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	59
Rushing	149.7 ypg	52
Passing	204.1 ypg	45
Total	353.8 ypg	45
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	79

Head Coach: Mike Kruczek

2002 Record (MAC): 7-5 (6-2)

Clemson tigers

Offense

Coach Tommy Bowden may be wagering his future on sophomore quarterback Charlie Whitehurst, who replaced Willie Simmons as the starter for the last five games of 2002. The son of a former NFL quarterback, Whitehurst threw for 694 yards and eight touchdowns in his first two starts. He gives Clemson a taller passer who can better see downfield.

The offense will use more I-formation plays to improve a stagnant running game. Clemson rushed for 120.7 yards per game — the school's second-lowest average since the statistic started being kept in 1938. The offensive line lacked toughness. Yusef Kelly, the new No. 1 tailback, could be pushed by Duane Coleman and Reggie Merriweather.

Receivers Kevin Youngblood, Airese Currie and Derrick Hamilton have shown flashes of greatness, but they must become more consistent. Redshirt freshman Kelvin Grant and Tennessee transfer Michael Collins could figure in the mix.

Defense

The Tigers return just four starters from a defense that improved last season, but still is not at an elite level. Stopping the run remains crucial for a unit that allowed too many game-breaking carries in 2002.

Sophomore cornerback Justin Miller, a Freshman All-American last year, returns as the most talented player on the team. He started just seven games but still led the ACC and tied for fifth in the nation with eight interceptions. Bowden is toying with using Miller, who was

recruited by Florida as a wide receiver, some on offense.

The defensive line features quantity, but perhaps not high quality. John Leake, who averaged 12.46 tackles per game in 2002, is leader of the linebacking corps.

Second-year defensive coordinator John Lovett is still trying to replace All-ACC cornerback Brian Mance.

Clemson took a major hit when whip linebacker Kelvin Morris injured his knee during spring practice. He was expected to be among the top playmakers on defense but now may miss the season.

Specialists

It can't get much worse. The Tigers allowed five touchdowns on kickoff and punt returns in 2002. Redshirt freshman Cole Chason replaces inconsistent punter Wynn Kopp. Kicker Aaron Hunt was a solid 17-of-22 on field goals, and Miller and Hamilton are threats to break long returns.

Final Analysis

There might be enough passing and catching for Clemson to have some success on offense. There might be enough playmakers on defense to create some problems for opponents. But that won't improve the Tigers' 7-6 record from 2002 if they can't run the football and can't stop the run. Toughness has been sorely missing from this program. The toughness to gain one yard in a critical short-yardage situation. The toughness to make that crucial tackle to get off the field. And the toughness to not blink in the big game under bright lights — the very situation that produced two humiliating losses on national TV in 2002.

Upsetting Georgia at home in the season opener would be a huge start. But until the Tigers pull off such a victory, they will continue to lag behind Florida State, Maryland, Virginia and N.C. State in the ACC.

ACC Prediction: 5th

National Forecast: #47



Justin Miller

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 17 Kevin Youngblood (Sr.)	88 Kelvin Grant (Fr.)
WR 1 Airese Currie (Jr.)	85 Ronnie Thomas (Jr.)
WR 21 Derrick Hamilton (Jr.)	18 Curtis Baham (So.)
WR 82 Michael Collins (So.)	48 Gene Pate (Jr.)
LT 70 William Henry (Sr.)	72 Roman Fry (Fr.)
LG 65 Cedric Johnson (Jr.)	61 John Lively (Jr.)
C 53 Tommy Sharpe (Jr.)	62 Dustin Fry (Fr.)
RG 63 Nathan Bennett (Fr.)	64 Chip Myrick (So.)
RT 78 Gregory Walker (Sr.)	77 Brad Lee (Fr.)
QB 6 Charlie Whitehurst (So.)	15 Chansi Stuckey (Fr.)
TB 5 Yusef Kelly (Jr.)	37 Reggie Merriweather (So.)

Defense (4)

DE 56 Khaleed Vaughn (Sr.)	93 Gaines Adams (Fr.)
DT 96 Donnell Washington (Jr.)	76 Eric Coleman (Jr.)
DT 97 DeJuan Polk (Sr.)	80 Todd McClinton (Sr.)
DE 58 J.J. Howard (Sr.)	99 Maurice Fountain (Jr.)
OLB 45 John Leake (Sr.)	90 Anthony Waters (Fr.)
MLB 46 Brandon Jamison (Sr.)	43 Leroy Hill (Jr.)
WLB 48 Kelvin Morris (Sr.)	11 Brian Carr (Jr.)
CB 8 Tye Hill (So.)	39 Buddy Williams (Jr.)
CB 9 Justin Miller (So.)	22 Ryan Hemby (Sr.)
ROV 24 Jamaal Fudge (So.)	13 Gerald McCloud (Fr.)
FS 29 Travis Pugh (So.)	23 Tavaghn Monts (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 19 Aaron Hunt (Sr.)
P 89 Cole Chason (Fr.)
KR 9 Justin Miller (So.)
PR 21 Derrick Hamilton (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Charlie Whitehurst, 123-214-1,554-10, 6 TDs
Rushing:	Yusef Kelly, 125 car., 520 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Kevin Youngblood, 59 rec., 591 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	John Leake, 169, 81 solo
Sacks:	Khaleed Vaughn, 4
Interceptions:	Justin Miller, 8 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

29-20 Coach Tommy Bowden has guided the Tigers to a 29-20 record in his first four years at Clemson. Tommy West, Bowden's predecessor, had the same record after his first 49 games.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Georgia	L
S. 6 Furman	W
S. 13 Middle Tennessee	W
S. 20 at Georgia Tech	*
O. 4 at Maryland	L
O. 11 Virginia	L
O. 18 at NC State	L
O. 25 North Carolina	W
N. 1 at Wake Forest	*
N. 8 Florida State	L
N. 15 Duke	W
N. 22 at South Carolina	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Georgia	L 28-31
S. 7 Louisiana Tech	W 33-13
S. 14 Georgia Tech	W 24-19
S. 21 Ball State	W 30-7
O. 3 at Florida State	L 31-48
O. 12 at Virginia	L 17-22
O. 19 Wake Forest	W 31-23
O. 24 NC State	L 6-38
N. 2 at Duke	W 34-31
N. 9 at N. Carolina	W 42-12
N. 16 Maryland	L 12-30
N. 23 South Carolina	W 27-20
D. 23 #Texas Tech	L 15-55
#Tangerine Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.4 ppg	71
Rushing	120.7 ypg	89
Passing	242.8 ypg	40
Total	363.5 ypg	71
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	62
Rushing	158.2 ypg	60
Passing	197.2 ypg	35
Total	355.4 ypg	48
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	52

Head Coach: Tommy Bowden

2002 Record (ACC): 7-6 (4-4)

BYU

cougars

Offense

Matt Berry had the distinction of becoming the first redshirt freshman to start at quarterback for BYU since Ty Detmer did so in 1988. But Berry couldn't salvage BYU's season after taking over in the middle of the year, struggling in losses to New Mexico and Utah that cost the Cougars a bowl bid. He finished with nine interceptions and seven touchdown passes.

Running back Marcus Whalen would easily have topped the 1,000-yard mark last season, but he missed the game against Utah State, a team that ranked 112th in the nation in stopping the run. As it was, Whalen finished with 918 yards in 11 games, showing the burst that makes him particularly effective on draw plays.

Senior Toby Christensen and junior Rod Wilkerson are the primary receivers. Christensen caught 30 passes for 346 yards; Wilkerson caught 27 for 371 yards but was inconsistent. Sophomore Chris Hale should warrant an expanded role because of his speed, and junior David Christensen will be back from an injury that kept him out of spring drills.

Three freshman could start on the offensive line this season, if highly recruited guard Ofa Moheatau is judged ready.

Senior center Scott Jackson is the line's anchor, charged with helping develop players such as redshirt freshman guard Jake Kuresa, redshirt freshman tackle Eddie Keele and junior tackle Brandon Stephens, who has moved from tight end to defensive lineman to offensive lineman. Quinn Christensen, a senior, will start at guard unless Moheatau comes along quickly.

Defense

Brady Poppinga led the Mountain West with eight sacks last season, and now he's playing in

a scheme that sends pass rushers from all over the field, which should create even more opportunities for him in defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall's high-pressure 3-3-5 scheme.

The linebackers' leader is Paul Walkenhorst, who ranked fifth in the conference with 8.9 tackles per game. He's fast and tough, and Mendenhall will make the most of his talent. Senior Colby Bockwoldt has many of Walkenhorst's traits, and senior middle linebacker Mike Tanner was a pleasant surprise last season, working his way into a starting role.

Aaron Francisco should thrive as the Cougar, a combination linebacker/safety, after making 99 tackles as a safety last season. The Cat safeties are senior Kip Nielsen, who intercepted three passes, and junior Jon Burbidge, who improved a lot in the spring.

At cornerback, BYU is counting on a healthy Jernaro Gilford, one of the league's most talented corners. He battled injuries all of last season but was not bothered during the spring.

Specialists

Matt Payne led the nation in punting last year with a 47.6-yard average. Payne is also BYU's placekicker; he made 13-of-16 field goals.

David Christensen showed his return ability in limited work, returning eight punts for a 10.0-yard average and six kickoffs for a 28.3-yard average.

Final Analysis

As if the wild ride of coach Gary Crowton's first two seasons were not interesting enough, his program will really become intriguing this year. Crowton faces a schedule with Georgia Tech and USC at the start and Notre Dame at the end, with an unproven quarterback, a young offensive line and a new defensive scheme. Regardless of what happens early in the year, Crowton's theme will be to keep improving.

MWC Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #48



Marcus Whalen

Layne Murdoch

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 80 Toby Christensen (Sr.)	15 Jason Kukahiko (Jr.)
WR 26 Rod Wilkerson (Jr.)	29 Chris Hale (So.)
WR* 2 David Christensen (Jr.)	88 Ryan Slater (Jr.)
RT 62 Brandon Stephens (Jr.)	67 Gary McGiven (Fr.)
RG 72 Jake Kuresa (Fr.)	78 Brian Sanders (So.)
C 64 Scott Jackson (Sr.)	57 Hanale Vincent (Jr.)
LG 74 Quinn Christensen (Sr.)	Ofa Moheatau (Fr.)
LT 59 Eddie Keele (Fr.)	69 Scott Fisher (Fr.)
TE 41 Justin Jory (Sr.)	20 Daniel Coats (Fr.)
QB 8 Matt Berry (So.)	12 John Beck (Fr.)
RB 32 Marcus Whalen (Jr.)	3 Naufahu Tahiti (So.)
FB 6 Tafui Vakapuna (Fr.)	36 Kyle Wilson (Sr.)

Defense (10)

DE 49 Brady Poppinga (Jr.)	56 Ryan Gunderson (Sr.)
NT 98 Manaia Brown (So.)	97 Justin Carlson (Fr.)
DE 53 Bill Wright (Sr.)	92 John Denney (Jr.)
LB 46 Colby Bockwoldt (Sr.)	39 Bryant Atkinson (So.)
LB 44 Mike Tanner (Sr.)	55 K.C. Bills (Fr.)
LB 47 Paul Walkenhorst (Sr.)	7 Levi Madarieta (Sr.)
CB 34 Brandon Heaney (Sr.)	1 Chad Barney (Sr.)
CB 4 Jernaro Gilford (Sr.)	32 Nate Soleberg (So.)
CGR33 Aaron Francisco (Jr.)	12 Corby Hodgkiss (Fr.)
CAT 37 Jon Burbidge (Jr.)	30 Jared Meibos (Jr.)
CAT 31 Kip Nielsen (Sr.)	3 Josh Brandon (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Matt Payne (Jr.)
P 38 Matt Payne (Jr.)
PR 2 David Christensen (Jr.)
KR 2 David Christensen (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Matt Berry, 108-184-1,309-9, 7 TDs
Rushing:	Marcus Whalen, 181 car., 918 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Toby Christensen, 30 rec., 346 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Paul Walkenhorst, 107, 47 solo
Sacks:	Brady Poppinga, 8
Interceptions:	Kip Nielsen, Brandon Heaney, 3

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 28 Georgia Tech	W
S. 6 at USC	L
S. 13 at New Mexico	*
S. 20 Stanford	W
S. 27 Air Force	W
O. 4 at San Diego State	W
O. 9 Colorado State	L
O. 18 at Wyoming	W
O. 25 at UNLV	*
O. 31 Boise State	*
N. 15 at Notre Dame	L
N. 22 Utah	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 Syracuse	W 42-21
S. 6 Hawaii	W 35-32
S. 14 at Nevada	L 28-31
S. 21 at Georgia Tech	L 19-28
O. 4 at Utah State	W 35-34
O. 12 at Air Force	L 9-52
O. 19 UNLV	L 3-24
O. 24 at Colorado St.	L 10-37
N. 2 San Diego St.	W 34-10
N. 9 Wyoming	W 35-31
N. 16 New Mexico	L 16-20
N. 23 at Utah	L 6-13

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.7 ppg	87
Rushing	121.1 ypg	88
Passing	260.8 ypg	27
Total	381.8 ypg	50
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	72
Rushing	177.8 ypg	91
Passing	206.9 ypg	48
Total	384.7 ypg	69
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	83

Head Coach: Gary Crowton

2002 Record (MWC): 5-7 (2-5)

Boise State broncos

Offense

Star quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie is one of just three returning offensive starters. If he can stay on the field — and the Broncos can replace his supporting cast — he could generate Heisman buzz. Dinwiddie, a senior, missed spring ball with the second suspension of his career. He also sat out four-plus games last season with a broken ankle. A plate used to help the ankle heal was removed after the season. Despite the injury, Dinwiddie tossed 20 TD passes with only three interceptions in 2002.

Dinwiddie will be surrounded by inexperience. Both tackles — Daryn Colledge and Rusty Colburn — are back, but the interior of the offensive line will be filled with long-time backups or redshirt freshmen.

David Mikell replaces 32-touchdown tailback Brock Forsey. Mikell has the runaway speed Forsey lacked but has fought injuries the past two years. The biggest concern on an offense that led the nation in scoring, total offense and pass efficiency last season is the receiving corps. The top three wideouts are gone and the returning players made just three touchdown catches last season.

Defense

Eight starters return to a defense that was dominant late in the 2002 season and should excel again. The four missing players included the unit's best player (safety Quintin Mikell), best end (Ryan Nelson), best tackle (Bobby Hammer) and third-leading tackler (linebacker Chauncey Ako), but their replacements are in place.

The defensive line is fortified with fresh faces brought in during a major emphasis on linemen in the 2002 recruiting class. Sophomore Jason Wardlow, an end who transferred from

USC, will replace Nelson's pass rushing. The tackle position should be solid if Dane Oldham recovers adequately from his ACL injury.

Leading tackler Andy Avalos gobbles up ball carriers at weak-side linebacker. He lost his running mate, Ako, but three talented youngsters are scrapping for the middle linebacker spot. The strong-side job belonged to Travis Burgher much of last season, but a spring suspension may cost him that spot for his senior year.

The secondary is impressive. Gabe Franklin and Julius Brown are strong cover corners, and free safety Wes Nurse is primed for an All-WAC season.

Specialists

The Broncos lost kicker Nick Calaycay and punter Keith Schuttler. Tyler Jones has a 60-yard leg to replace Calaycay. He's a major weapon on kickoffs, but he isn't as consistent as Calaycay. The Broncos are still trying to find a consistent punter. The return games are excellent. Gilligan averaged 14.0 yards on punt returns last year and Mikell has starred on kickoff returns when healthy.

Final Analysis

The Broncos will need the light first half of their schedule to get a young, inexperienced offense operating in an efficient manner. BSU likely will rely on its more experienced, and often dominant, defense during a stretch of games that features just two potential pitfalls: road games at Oregon State and Louisiana Tech. The health of quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie and tailback David Mikell — two of the WAC's scariest offensive players — will be essential. To earn a Top 25 spot for the second straight year, the Broncos will need impressive performances in a trio of national TV games in the final six weeks: at BYU, at Fresno State and at Hawaii. A sweep would be a startling accomplishment, and more than enough to capture national attention.

WAC Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #49



David Mikell

John Betancourt

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR 87 Tim Gilligan (Sr.)	88 Tony McPherson (Jr.)
WR 83 Jerry Smith (Sr.)	10 Drisan James (Fr.)
LT 73 Daryn Colledge (So.)	72 Tony Volponi (Fr.)
LG 70 Michael Ansel (Jr.)	71 Ryan Keating (Fr.)
C 66 Mike MacLeod (Sr.)	54 Joe Wiegand (Fr.)
RG 68 Tyrone Tutogi (Sr.)	59 Kellen Wright (Fr.)
RT 61 Rusty Colburn (Jr.)	60 Jason Turner (Sr.)
TE 82 Kevin Louwsma (Sr.)	32 Andy Weldon (Jr.)
QB 7 Ryan Dinwiddie (Sr.)	2 Michael Sanford (Jr.)
TB 3 David Mikell (Sr.)	24 Donny Heck (Jr.)
FB 30 Greg Swenson (Sr.)	34 Brad Lau (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE 92 Julius Roberts (Jr.)	74 Mike Dominguez (Fr.)
DT 90 Paul Allen (Sr.)	93 Alex Guerrero (So.)
DT 69 Dane Oldham (Sr.)	93 Alex Guerrero (So.)
DE 42 Jason Wardlow (So.)	96 Mike Williams (Fr.)
SLB 13 Travis Burgher (Sr.)	49 Jared Hunter (Fr.)
MLB48 Clint Furr (So.)	57 Chris Barrios (So.)
WLB40 Andy Avalos (Jr.)	25 Korey Hall (Fr.)
CB 6 Julius Brown (Sr.)	17 Lee Marks (So.)
CB 16 Gabe Franklin (Jr.)	10 Terrial Hall (Sr.)
ROV22 Chris Carr (Jr.)	31 Brad Allen (So.)
FS 21 Wes Nurse (Sr.)	27 Cam Hall (So.)

Special Teams

K 85 Tyler Jones (Jr.)
P 14 Sean Steichen (So.)
KR 3 David Mikell (Jr.)
PR 87 Tim Gilligan (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Ryan Dinwiddie, 134-205-2,283-3, 20 TDs
Rushing:	David Mikell, 105 car., 606 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Tim Gilligan, 23 rec., 349 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Andy Avalos, 107, 48 solo
Sacks:	Andy Avalos, 4
Interceptions:	Gabe Franklin, 8 for 70 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

3 Returning players accounted for just three of the Broncos' 32 TD receptions last fall. And no player had more than one TD.

2003 Schedule

S. 6 Idaho State	W
S. 13 at Idaho	W
S. 20 at Oregon State	L
S. 27 Wyoming	W
O. 4 at Louisiana Tech	W
O. 11 Tulsa	W
O. 18 at SMU	W
O. 25 San Jose State	W
O. 31 at BYU	*
N. 15 UTEP	W
N. 22 at Fresno State	*
N. 29 Nevada	W
D. 6 at Hawaii	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Idaho	W 38-21
S. 7 at Arkansas	L 14-41
S. 14 at Wyoming	W 35-13
S. 28 Utah State	W 63-38
O. 5 Hawaii	W 58-31
O. 12 at Tulsa	W 52-24
O. 18 Fresno State	W 67-21
O. 26 at San Jose St.	W 45-8
N. 2 at UTEP	W 58-3
N. 9 Rice	W 49-7
N. 16 Louisiana Tech	W 36-10
N. 23 at Nevada	W 44-7
D. 31 #Iowa State	W 34-16
#Humanitarian Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	45.6 ppg	1
Rushing	208.5 ypg	22
Passing	292.9 ypg	12
Total	501.5 ypg	1
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.5 ppg	17
Rushing	109.4 ypg	16
Passing	231.4 ypg	81
Total	340.8 ypg	38
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	27

Head Coach: Dan Hawkins

2002 Record (WAC): 12-1 (8-0)

South Florida bulls

Offense

With the departure of do-everything quarterback Marquel Blackwell, Bulls coach Jim Leavitt is placing his faith in junior Ronnie Banks, who has been in South Florida's system for three years as Blackwell's unknown backup. Banks is bigger but less mobile. Still, he will play into the existing system, which emphasizes a quick-rhythm, no-huddle passing game.

Banks has a fleet of returning receivers, including huge target Huey Whittaker, who could become an impact player in C-USA. The entire offensive line returns as well.

South Florida also has four returning running backs: Clenton Crossley, Vince Brewer, DeJuan Green and Quinton Callum. Leavitt says he wants to run the ball more often and may even employ more standard use of the two-back set.

More likely, though, South Florida's offensive hopes will begin and end at quarterback. That's the way it was with Blackwell. And despite early questions about his experience and ability, Banks will slip into that prominent role.

Defense

The Bulls were up and down defensively, limiting opponents to 308 yards per game, but they too often surrendered the big play. Overall, though, it was an area of strength. Now the Bulls will be tested because they must replace middle linebacker Kawika Mitchell and most of the defensive line.

Leavitt says the line was probably his team's most underrated unit because its athleticism set the tone for a speedy, ball-hawking approach. The returning leaders figure to be defensive end

Terrance Royal, who started as a freshman, and senior defensive tackle Lee Roy Selmon, who's back after redshirting due to a torn ACL.

"It starts up front," Leavitt says. "Once again, I think that's going to dictate the direction of our defense. It's wait and see because we've got to replace a lot of players."

The Bulls must get productivity from sophomore Devon Davis, who steps in for Mitchell at middle linebacker. The return of Maurice Jones and Courtney Davenport, coupled with Davis meeting expectations, will keep the linebacking corps at a high level.

The defense's true strength is the secondary, where J.R. Reed and Kevin Verpaele already form one of C-USA's most productive safety tandems. Starting cornerback Ron Hemingway should return from off-season shoulder surgery.

Specialists

Placekicker Santiago Gramatica became more of a factor by making 16-of-21 field-goal attempts following off-season ACL surgery. The Bulls like new punter Brandon Baker, but they need a return specialist to replace DeAndrew Rubin, one of the nation's best.

Final Analysis

South Florida deserved a bowl trip in 2002. The Bulls were 9-2, losing only at Arkansas and Oklahoma. Without a conference affiliation, their hopes realistically were doomed from the start. That's no longer a problem with full membership in Conference USA.

Expect the Bulls to maintain their high-octane offensive system, leaving pressure on a defense that must retool its line and replace Mitchell. If the defense can do its part, the Bulls should be in line for a winning season, putting them on the cusp of the program's first bowl bid. One thing is certain: Leavitt has taken full advantage of his program's geography. The Bulls have become a serious player for key recruits in talent-rich state of Florida.

C-USA Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #50



Huey Whittaker

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 15 Huey Whittaker (Sr.)	8 Darren Haliburton (Fr.)
WR 16 Brian Fisher (Jr.)	81 Travis Lipp (So.)
WR 9 Chris Iskra (Sr.)	22 Elgin Hicks (Sr.)
LT 66 Derrick Sarosi (Jr.)	68 Frank Davis (So.)
LG 65 Shelly Houston (So.)	78 Devon Small (Jr.)
C 71 Alex Herron (Jr.)	61 John Miller (So.)
RG 74 Chris Carothers (So.)	76 Mark Sopcik (Jr.)
RT 79 Levi Newton (Jr.)	70 David Bailey (Fr.)
TE 44 Mark Feldman (Jr.)	84 Will Bleakley (Fr.)
QB 14 Ronnie Banks (Jr.)	17 Jean Julmiste (Fr.)
RB 28 Clenton Crossley (Jr.)	2 DeJuan Green (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 99 Tim Jones (Jr.)	45 Jon Simmons (So.)
NT 93 Lee Roy Selmon (Sr.)	92 Howard Campbell (Jr.)
DT 55 Cedric Battles (Sr.)	46 Kenny Huebner (So.)
DE 56 Terrence Royal (So.)	40 Craig Kobel (Jr.)
WLB 6 Maurice Jones (Sr.)	51 Stephen Nicholas (Sr.)
MLB51 Devon Davis (So.)	59 Vincent Capogna (So.)
SLB 31 Courtney Davenport (Sr.)	53 Julian Johnson (Sr.)
CB 3 Ron Hemingway (Sr.)	1 Sidney Simpson (Jr.)
CB 42 D'Juan Brown (So.)	4 Antonio Warren (Jr.)
SS 17 Kevin Verpaele (Sr.)	27 Johnnie Jones (Jr.)
FS 32 J.R. Reed (Sr.)	12 Javan Camon (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 7 Santiago Gramatica (Jr.)
P 47 Brandon Baker (So.)
KR 20 Quinton Callum (Sr.)
PR 16 Brian Fisher (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Ronnie Banks, 11-18-182-0, 2 TDs
 Rushing: Clenton Crossley, 92 car., 415 yds., 3 TDs
 Receiving: Huey Whittaker, 26 rec., 383 yds., 3 TDs, Chris Iskra, 26 rec., 345 yds., 2 TDs
 Tackles: J.R. Reed, 95, 62 solo
 Sacks: Maurice Jones, 6
 Interceptions: J.R. Reed, 6 for 34 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

4-0 In its final season as a Division I-A independent, South Florida went 4-0 against Conference USA foes Southern Miss, East Carolina, Memphis and Houston.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Alabama#	L
S. 6 Nicholls State	W
S. 27 at Army	W
O. 4 Louisville	W
O. 10 TCU	*
O. 25 at Southern Miss	L
N. 1 Cincinnati	W
N. 8 at East Carolina	W
N. 22 UAB	W
N. 29 at Memphis	*
#at Birmingham	

*Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 Florida Atlantic	W 51-10
S. 7 Northern Illinois	W 37-6
S. 14 at Arkansas	L 3-42
S. 28 at Oklahoma	L 14-31
O. 5 at North Texas	W 24-17
O. 12 Southern Miss	W 16-13
O. 19 at East Carolina	W 46-30
N. 2 Charleston So.	W 56-6
N. 9 Memphis	W 31-28
N. 16 Bowling Green	W 29-7
N. 23 at Houston	W 32-14

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	30.8 ppg	29
Rushing	134.6 ypg	75
Passing	252.0 ypg	32
Total	386.6 ypg	46
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	18.5 ppg	20
Rushing	87.2 ypg	7
Passing	221.7 ypg	65
Total	308.9 ypg	17
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+21	+1.91	1

2002 Record: 9-2

Head Coach: Jim Leavitt

Boston College

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Offense

Junior Quinton Porter is in line to succeed Brian St. Pierre, a two-year starter who threw for close to 3,000 yards last season. Throughout the latter stages of the 2002 season, St. Pierre often said Porter would be able to step in and not miss a beat. Coach Tom O'Brien also expressed confidence in the kid who had thrown just 20 college passes.

Still, the Eagles went out and signed Paul Peterson, a first-team junior college All-American from Snow College in Utah. Peterson, who is already 22 and has competed a two-year LDS Church mission, threw for over 2,900 yards last fall and tossed 35 touchdowns against just 10 interceptions.

Porter and Peterson will battle for the starting assignment during preseason camp.

BC folks like to call their school "O-Line U." because of the proud tradition of offensive linemen. And while the 2003 edition appears to be talented, the Eagles must replace three solid starters.

Few questions exist at running back. Last season, Derrick Knight recorded the fifth-straight 1,000-yard season by a Boston College back. Key backup Brandon Brokaw quit the team to focus on academics, and his loss will hurt. Former defensive back Jeff Ross ran the ball well during the spring.

Grant Adams and Joel Hazard head a talented group of young wide receivers. Tight end Sean Ryan was a second-team All-Big East pick in 2002.

Defense

Last year's defense was hammered by injuries. Antonio Garay, Doug Goodwin, Peter Shean and freshman Ricky Brown all missed time.

20 Boston College quarterbacks have thrown a total of 20 passes — all of them by Quinton Porter.

With the exception of Garay, they are all back.

Finding a replacement for Vinny Ciurciu at middle linebacker is a top priority. Brown will enter the fall atop the depth chart, but he will be challenged by Ray Henderson. The Eagles are set at outside linebacker. Both Josh Ott and Brian Flores are coming off solid seasons.

Three of the four defensive backs are gone, but better players, led by sophomore Will Blackmon, are coming in behind them.

Despite Garay's loss, the Eagles have plenty of talent and depth on the defensive line. Goodwin should emerge as one of the Big East's better defensive players.

Specialists

A healthy Sandro Sciortino gives the Eagles a strong kicker. But health has been an issue with the Canadian import, who is vital to this year's success. The loss of steady punter Kevin McMyler could hurt.

Blackmon (kickoffs) and Adams (punts) give the Eagles two explosive return men.

Final Analysis

The Eagles are seeking an unprecedented fifth straight bowl game. Boston College would love to be playing for the conference title, but this program isn't quite ready for that.

The key to the season could be the quarterback position. The Eagles will have an unproven signal-caller playing behind an offensive line that must replace three starters. The defense, which is still looking for a starting middle linebacker — Brown is the favorite — should be the strongest and most athletic this program has had. The strength should be the defensive front.

The schedule appears to be difficult. The opener against Wake Forest will be tougher than most expect and the short trip to UConn could be tricky. They might have to sweat a bit, but it looks like another postseason appearance for the Eagles.

Big East Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #51



Bill Wood

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 84 Joel Hazard (Jr.)	26 Tony Gonzalez (Fr.)
WR 5 Grant Adams (Jr.)	82 Jason Lilly (Fr.)
LT 72 Jeremy Trueblood (So.)	70 James Marten (Fr.)
LG 78 Augie Hoffmann (Sr.)	63 Shadu Moore (Fr.)
C 66 Pat Ross (So.)	65 Chris Hathy (So.)
RG 76 Chris Snee (Jr.)	75 Josh Beekman (Fr.)
RT 64 Keith Leavitt (Sr.)	79 Anthony Crosson (Jr.)
TE 89 Sean Ryan (Sr.)	86 Dave Kashetta (Jr.)
QB 15 Quinton Porter (Jr.)	18 Paul Peterson (Jr.)
FB 16 Greg Toal (Sr.)	46 Haven Perkins (Jr.)
TB 20 Derrick Knight (Sr.)	28 Horace Dodd (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 94 Mathias Kiwanuka (So.)	92 Myran Hunter (Jr.)
DT 98 Doug Goodwin (Sr.)	56 Alvin Washington (So.)
DT 90 Tom Martin (Sr.)	96 Tim Bulman (Jr.)
DE 93 Phillip Mettling (Jr.)	99 Jim Unis (So.)
LB 36 Brian Flores (Sr.)	34 Patrick McShane (So.)
LB 55 Ricky Brown (So.)	3 Ray Henderson (So.)
LB 45 Josh Ott (Sr.)	10 Kevin Kiley (Sr.)
CB 1 Will Blackmon (So.)	6 Larry Lester (So.)
CB 4 Jazzmen Williams (So.)	19 Peter Shean (Jr.)
SS 27 Paul Cook (Sr.)	9 Larry Anam (Fr.)
FS 23 T.J. Stancil (Jr.)	7 Nathanael Hasselbeck (So.)

Special Teams

K 33 Sandro Sciortino (Sr.)
P Jeff Gomulinski (Jr.)
KR 1 Will Blackmon (So.)
PR 5 Grant Adams (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Quinton Porter, 6-7-27-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Derrick Knight, 259 car., 1,432 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving:	Grant Adams, 37 rec., 542 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Josh Ott, 128, 81 solo
Sacks:	Mathias Kiwanuka, 5
Interceptions:	Josh Ott, 2 for 71 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Wake Forest	*
S. 6 at Penn State	L
S. 13 at Connecticut	W
S. 20 Miami	L
S. 27 Ball State	W
O. 11 at Temple	W
O. 18 at Syracuse	*
O. 25 Notre Dame	L
N. 1 Pittsburgh	L
N. 8 West Virginia	*
N. 15 at Rutgers	W
N. 22 at Virginia Tech	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Connecticut	W 24-16
S. 7 Stanford	W 34-27
S. 21 at Miami	L 6-38
S. 28 C. Michigan	W 43-0
O. 10 Virginia Tech	L 23-28
O. 19 Navy	W 46-21
O. 26 at Pittsburgh	L 16-19
N. 2 at Notre Dame	W 14-7
N. 9 at W. Virginia	L 14-24
N. 16 Syracuse	W 41-20
N. 23 at Temple	W 36-14
N. 30 Rutgers	W 44-14
D. 26 #Toledo	W 51-25

#Motor City Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.2 ppg	34
Rushing	159.1 ypg	50
Passing	231.6 ypg	46
Total	390.7 ypg	40
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.5 ppg	23
Rushing	167.4 ypg	75
Passing	172.1 ypg	13
Total	339.5 ypg	37
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	27

Head Coach: Tom O'Brien

2002 Record (Big East): 9-4 (3-4)



Iowa State cyclones

For the first time in a decade, Iowa State finds itself without a clear-cut No. 1 quarterback to start the season. Three players without a Division I-A start between them — juniors Cris Love and Waye Terry and freshman Austin Flynn — are competing for the starting quarterback job. Love played in four games last season behind second-team All-Big 12 performer Seneca Wallace, while Terry, a talented junior college transfer, and Flynn, a top Texas high school quarterback, both redshirted in 2002.

The starting tailback spot is also up for grabs. Incumbents Hiawatha Rutland (614 yards), Michael Wagner (542) and Brian Thompson (305) had their moments last season but struggled behind a young and undersized offensive line. Redshirt freshman Stevie Hicks turned heads as the Scout Team Player of the Year in 2002 and could be a contributor in goal line situations.

Whoever is at quarterback will have plenty of capable targets. The Cyclones' top six pass catchers return, led by Lane Daniels, who is on track to set school records for career receptions and yards.

Defense

The Cyclones are strongest up front and in the secondary. Jordan Carstens is an NFL prospect at defensive tackle. He will get some help from noseguard Nick Leaders, who started last year as a true freshman, and Tyson Smith, a pass-rushing specialist. Smith helped ISU nearly double its sack output from 2001 (up to 31 from 17) but like his linemates, he has trouble against the run.

Linebackers Matt Word and Jeremy Loyd are gone, leaving a big hole in the middle. Injury and inexperience could catch up with ISU here.

7 The Cyclones had a seven-year streak of 1,000-yard rushers broken in 2002.

Offenses were able to throw the ball over the top of the Cyclones' pint-sized cornerbacks last season; in many cases the receiver simply out-jumped the defender. Safety Anthony Forrest was moved to left corner to help solve the problem and find a spot for the talented junior, ISU's MVP in the Humanitarian Bowl. Though still not huge in the secondary, the Cyclones make up for it with brawn.

"There's no slight-built little midgets out there. All those guys, regardless of their height, are built pretty good," coach Dan McCarney says.

Specialists

Placekicker Adam Benike was possibly the team's biggest surprise, earning first-team all-Big 12 honors and bringing some much-needed stability to ISU's kicking game. Benike was 17-of-23 on field goals and hit all but two of his 48 extra point attempts. Talented but inconsistent Tony Yelk (42.3 yards per punt) and sophomore Troy Blankenship (40.8) will battle in preseason practice for the punting duties.

Final Analysis

McCarney has successfully turned around Iowa State after inheriting a team that was winless the year before he arrived. After three straight appearances in bowl games and 23 victories the past three years, he was rewarded with a hefty \$910,000 contract that runs through 2010. There's some doubt whether he'll fulfill the deal if he continues to win.

ISU gets a break from the schedule-maker this fall — and it's well deserved after last year's brutal slate. Five of the Cyclones' seven opponents who played in bowl games a year ago will visit Jack Trice Stadium.

The Cyclones could start out 4-0 but will need to pull off an upset or two in the league to guarantee another bowl bid. Finding a quarterback who can lead what could be a potent offense will go a long way toward determining that.

Big 12 North Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #52



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Lane Daniels

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 26 Jack Whitver (Sr.)	80 Lance Young (Sr.)
FL 83 Jamaul Montgomery (Sr.)	81 Jon Davis (Fr.)
WR 82 Lane Daniels (Sr.)	5 Todd Miller (Jr.)
LT 71 Casey Shelton (Sr.)	62 Johannes Egbers (So.)
LG 65 Bob Montgomery (Sr.)	78 Collin Menard (Sr.)
C 67 Luke Vander Sanden (Jr.)	79 Matt Bockes (Sr.)
RG 75 Aaron Brant (Fr.)	58 Seth Zehr (Fr.)
RT 53 Cale Stubbe (Jr.)	76 Chris O'Hollearn (So.)
TE 36 Brett Kellogg (Jr.)	85 Kenny Segin (Jr.)
QB 16 Cris Love Jr. (Jr.)	8 Austin Flynn (Fr.)
TB 12 Hiawatha Rutland (Sr.)	4 Michael Wagner (Sr.)
FB* 31 Ryan Kock (Fr.)	40 Derek Walters (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 1 Tyson Smith (Sr.)	29 Corey Smith (Fr.)
DT 92 Jordan Carstens (Sr.)	91 Tim TeBrink (Jr.)
NG 66 Nick Leaders (So.)	90 Klayton Shoals (Fr.)
DE 43 Cephus Johnson (So.)	89 Rashaad Rasberry (So.)
LB 9 Nik Moser (So.)	47 Chris Whitaker (Sr.)
LB 33 Brandon Brown (Jr.)	44 Kyle Smith (Fr.)
LB 45 Joe Woodley (Sr.)	54 Matthew Robertson (Fr.)
CB 17 Anthony Forrest (Jr.)	16 Harold Clewis (Sr.)
CB 11 Ellis Hobbs (Jr.)	10 Johnny Smith (Sr.)
SS 6 Ja'Maine Billups (Sr.)	2 Gabe Bakker (Jr.)
FS 18 Marc Timmons (Sr.)	8 Steve Paris (So.)

Special Teams

K 49 Adam Benike (Sr.)
P 14 Tony Yelk (Jr.)
KR 80 Lance Young (Sr.)
PR 5 Todd Miller (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Cris Love, 5-10-62-0, 1 TD
Rushing:	Hiawatha Rutland, 160 car., 614 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Lane Daniels, 63 rec., 1,073 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Brandon Brown, 136, 91 solo
Sacks:	Tyson Smith, 6, Brandon Brown, 6
Interceptions:	Ellis Hobbs, 2 for 0 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Northern Iowa	W
S. 6 Ohio	W
S. 13 Iowa	*
S. 27 at Northern Illinois	W
O. 4 Oklahoma	L
O. 11 at Texas Tech	*
O. 18 Texas	L
O. 25 at Nebraska	L
N. 1 at Missouri	L
N. 8 Kansas State	L
N. 15 Colorado	L
N. 22 at Kansas	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24 Florida State	L	31-38
A. 31 Kansas	W	45-3
S. 7 Tennessee Tech	W	58-6
S. 14 at Iowa	W	36-31
S. 21 Troy State	W	42-12
S. 28 Nebraska	W	36-14
O. 12 Texas Tech	W	31-17
O. 19 at Oklahoma	L	3-49
O. 26 at Texas	L	10-21
N. 2 Missouri	W	42-35
N. 9 at Kansas State	L	7-58
N. 16 at Colorado	L	27-41
N. 23 Connecticut	L	20-37
D. 31 #Boise State	L	16-34

#Humanitarian Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	46
Rushing	145.0 ypg	61
Passing	236.3 ypg	43
Total	381.3 ypg	51
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.3 ppg	78
Rushing	174.6 ypg	88
Passing	184.3 ypg	24
Total	358.9 ypg	53
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.07	66

Head Coach: Dan McCarney

2002 Record (Big 12): 7-7 (4-4)

Texas Tech red raiders

Offense

Texas Tech enters the 2003 season without much star power. That doesn't necessarily mean the Red Raiders will be lacking in firepower.

While record-setting quarterback Kliff Kingsbury is gone, senior B.J. Symons appears to be ready to pick up where Kingsbury left off. Symons has already gained the confidence of his teammates, and he probably has more arm strength than Kingsbury and comparable mobility. Symons will also benefit from some outstanding skill position players.

Tech has some extremely dangerous running backs who can easily take a hand-off or a short pass and make big things happen. Wes Welker is one of the most exciting players in the Big 12. He's listed as a running back, but the elusive Welker is most lethal when catching a short pass and darting into the secondary. Sophomore Taurean Henderson also is a game-breaker, having rushed for 793 yards and seven touchdowns and caught 98 passes for six more scores last season.

In addition to Welker and Henderson out of the backfield, the Raiders return an explosive and talented receiving corps. The trio of Carlos Francis, Mickey Peters and Nehemiah Glover combined to catch 166 passes for 2,054 yards last season. And with four of five starters returning from last season, Tech's offensive line could be one of the better units in the Big 12.

Defense

Adell Duckett, a quick and versatile end, leads an inexperienced but talented defensive line. The interior of the defensive front, though, is a concern; two redshirt freshmen emerged from the spring atop the depth chart.

380 Texas Tech made 380 first downs last season — over 100 more than any other team in the Big 12.

Like Kingsbury on offense, the Raiders must replace their man in the middle on defense. Losing Lawrence Flugence, the leading tackler in the Big 12, leaves a huge void at middle linebacker, but on the outside Tech features a pair of all-around tough guys in John Saldi and Mike Smith. Smith had 104 tackles last season and has impressed virtually everyone with his toughness. "He reminds you of a Sam Huff or somebody like that," coach Mike Leach says. "He's mean, tough and ornery — the kind of guy who would play without a facemask."

Cornerbacks Marcus Boyd and Ivory McCann are relatively inexperienced, but safeties Ryan Aycock and Vincent Meeks are proven playmakers. Aycock, a tremendous tackler, registered 151 stops from his free safety position last season.

Specialists

No one in the Big 12 is better than Welker when it comes to returning punts. The senior has taken six punts back for touchdowns in his career. McCann and Meeks also form a dangerous kickoff combination. The special teams concerns for Tech involve the kicking specialists, as punter Wich Brenner and placekicker Ryan Bishop take over for departed veterans.

Final Analysis

Without their all-time leading passer, all-time leading tackler and all-time sack leader, the Raiders may be easy to overlook in the Big 12 South. But if Symons can live up to his teammates' expectations, Tech might not take a step back offensively. Defense, though, is another issue; there are just too many key players to replace.

The non-conference schedule could pose some problems, especially the trips to NC State and Ole Miss. And the conference slate, once again, is a beast. This is a quality football team, but the Raiders might struggle to win more than they lose.

Big 12 South Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #53



Wes Welker

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 86 Mickey Peters (Sr.)	9 Gabe Hall (Fr.)
WR 6 Nehemiah Glover (Jr.)	24 Cody Fuller (So.)
WR 82 Carlos Francis (Sr.)	7 Trey Haverty (Jr.)
LT 60 Daniel Loper (Jr.)	61 Michael Bailey (So.)
LG 64 Cody Campbell (Jr.)	69 Glenn January (Fr.)
C 66 Toby Cecil (Sr.)	77 Dylan Gandy (Jr.)
RG 63 Manuel Ramirez (Fr.)	59 Brandon Jones (Fr.)
RT 65 Casey Keck (Sr.)	75 E.J. Whitley (So.)
QB 2 B.J. Symons (Sr.)	15 Sonny Cumbie (Jr.)
FB 19 Taurean Henderson (So.)	4 Johnnie Mack (Jr.)
HB 27 Wes Welker (Sr.)	47 Clay McGuire (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 91 Adell Duckett (Jr.)	23 Marquis Turner (Jr.)
NT 93 Chris Hudler (Fr.)	97 Fred Threweatt (So.)
DT 99 Ken Scott (Fr.)	90 P. Majondo-Mwamba (Jr.)
DE 88 Seth Nitschmann (Fr.)	84 Randall Cherry (So.)
SLB 46 Mike Smith (Jr.)	35 Jeremy Woods (Jr.)
MLB 45 Brock Stratton (Fr.)	10 Fletcher Session (Fr.)
WLB 5 John Saldi (So.)	39 Brent Slaughter (Fr.)
CB 9 Ivory McCann (Jr.)	18 Jamaal Jackson (Jr.)
CB 11 Marcus Boyd (Sr.)	25 SirDon Lewis (So.)
SS 28 Ryan Aycock (Sr.)	38 Micah Sweats (Fr.)
FS 1 Vincent Meeks (So.)	20 Byron Johnson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 37 Ryan Bishop (Jr.)
P 98 Wich Brenner (Jr.)
KR 9 Ivory McCann (Jr.)
PR 27 Wes Welker (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	B.J. Symons, 28-43-329-1, 5 TDs
Rushing:	Taurean Henderson, 153 car., 793 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving:	Taurean Henderson, 98 rec., 633 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Ryan Aycock, 151, 87 solo
Sacks:	Adell Duckett, 5
Interceptions:	Vincent Meeks, 3 for 37 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 SMU	W
S. 6 New Mexico	*
S. 20 at NC State	L
S. 27 at Ole Miss	*
O. 4 Texas A&M	*
O. 11 Iowa State	*
O. 18 at Oklahoma State	L
O. 25 at Missouri	L
N. 1 Colorado	L
N. 8 at Baylor	W
N. 15 at Texas	L
N. 22 Oklahoma	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 24 at Ohio State	L 21-45
S. 7 at SMU	W 24-14
S. 14 Mississippi	W 42-28
S. 21 NC State	L 48-51
S. 27 at New Mexico	W 49-0
O. 5 at Texas A&M	W 48-47
O. 12 at Iowa State	L 17-31
O. 19 Missouri	W 52-38
O. 26 at Colorado	L 13-37
N. 2 Baylor	W 62-11
N. 9 Oklahoma State	W 49-24
N. 16 Texas	W 42-38
N. 23 at Oklahoma	L 15-60
D. 23 #Clemson	W 55-15
#Tangerine Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.4 ppg	6
Rushing	99.4 ypg	108
Passing	388.9 ypg	1
Total	488.2 ypg	4
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.4 ppg	89
Rushing	163.9 ypg	70
Passing	239.6 ypg	90
Total	403.5 ypg	85
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-10	-0.71	92

Head Coach: Mike Leach

2002 Record (Big 12): 9-5 (5-3)

Wake Forest demon deacons

Offense

It hasn't taken long for coach Jim Grobe to put his imprint on the Deacons, turning them into a ground-chewing team that has become increasingly difficult for opponents to contain.

The most important part of the equation this season is sophomore quarterback Cory Randolph, who will replace James MacPherson. Randolph got a taste of action last year when Grobe stuck with a plan to play his backup one series in each half with an eye toward this season. Randolph got special attention in spring drills as the Deacons developed a comfort level with their new quarterback. He's athletic with a good arm and an improving understanding of where to throw the ball.

With eight new starters on offense, the Deacons are a definite work in progress. Most of the carries will go to Chris Barclay, who played more than expected as a freshman last season. Dominic Anderson was converted from strong safety to tailback and showed in the spring game he could be the Deacons' second threat in the backfield.

When the Deacons decide to throw downfield, they have an emerging star in junior Jason Anderson. He can get open on deep routes and work the shorter patterns, giving Randolph a primary target.

The Deacons need to develop depth along their offensive line, but they have a solid group of starters.

Defense

The Deacons were among the most opportunistic defenses in the country last season,

3 The Deacons own a three-game winning streak in bowl games. They beat Oregon in the 1992 Independence Bowl, Arizona State in the 1999 Aloha Bowl and Oregon again in the Seattle Bowl.

forcing turnovers out of their 3-3-5 scheme. They will employ the same scheme this season, stacking three linebackers in the middle with a focus on limiting big plays.

Linebacker is a strong suit for the Deacons with three proven players there. Middle linebacker Brad White had an exceptional sophomore season after transferring from Georgia, leading the team with 94 tackles.

The secondary was the youngest position on the team but one of the most effective. That group brings a year of experience into this season and the expectation of building on last year's 13 interceptions.

Specialists

Few things worked well for Wake Forest on special teams last fall. The Deacons need sophomore Matt Wisnosky to kick the ball deeper on kickoffs in order to take some of the pressure off the coverage team. After a poor start last season, Wisnosky gradually improved his field-goal kicking, eventually converting 17-of-25 for the season. Ryan Plackemeier became the Deacons' punter midway through the 2002 season and improved as the year progressed.

Final Analysis

Wake Forest is no longer an easy out for ACC foes. Grobe has convinced his team it can compete with anyone in the league.

For the Deacons to reach a second straight bowl game, they need to get solid play from Randolph at quarterback. They're not looking for a hero, only for a player who can handle the essentials and minimize mistakes.

The Deacons have a difficult start, playing at Boston College then coming home to face potential national power NC State followed by Purdue. Nevertheless, when the Deacons are able to run their offense effectively, chewing clock in the process, and can create turnovers with their defense, they're trouble for anyone on their schedule.

ACC Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #54



Chris Barclay

Steve Weismann

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR 80 Jason Anderson (Jr.)	13 Anthony Young (Sr.)
WR 87 Chris Davis (So.)	82 Willie Idlette (Fr.)
LT 78 Mark Moroz (Sr.)	73 Wesley Bryant (So.)
LG 64 Chad Rebar (Sr.)	70 Joe Salsich (Jr.)
C 76 Blake Lingruen (Jr.)	67 Kreg Rotthoff (So.)
RG 77 Tyson Clabo (Sr.)	75 Steve Vallos (Fr.)
RT 66 Greg Adkins (So.)	61 Arby Jones (Fr.)
TE 97 R.D. Montgomery (Jr.)	83 Dan Callahan (Fr.)
QB 17 Cory Randolph (So.)	10 Zac Taylor (Fr.)
FB 29 Nick Burney (Sr.)	49 Damon McWhite (Fr.)
TB 28 Chris Barclay (So.)	2 Cornelius Birgs (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 85 Jerome Nichols (Jr.)	42 Jamaal Argrow (Sr.)
NT 57 Goryal Scales (So.)	52 Cori Stukes (So.)
DE 91 John Finklea (So.)	98 Arthur Orlebar (So.)
LOU 34 Dion Williams (Sr.)	48 Bryan Andrews (Fr.)
MLB 45 Brad White (Jr.)	51 Pierre Easley (Fr.)
ROB 54 Kellen Brantley (Sr.)	44 Jason Pratt (So.)
CB 9 Eric King (Jr.)	4 Robert Simmons (So.)
CB 20 Daryl Shaw (Sr.)	3 Marcus McGruder (Jr.)
FS 25 Quintin Williams (Sr.)	22 Josh Gattis (Fr.)
B 8 Caron Bracy (Jr.)	14 Obi Chukwumah (Sr.)
SS 27 Warren Braxton (Jr.)	46 James Adams (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 37 Matt Wisnosky (So.)
P 81 Ryan Plackemeier (So.)
KR 28 Chris Barclay (So.)
PR 82 Willie Idlette (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Cory Randolph, 24-48-333-2, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Chris Barclay, 144 car., 703 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Jason Anderson, 23 rec., 535 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Brad White, 94, 55 solo
Sacks:	Jamaal Argrow, 2
Interceptions:	3 players with 3 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Boston College	*
S. 6 NC State	L
S. 13 Purdue	L
S. 20 East Carolina	W
S. 27 at Virginia	L
O. 11 Georgia Tech	W
O. 18 at Duke	W
O. 25 at Florida State	L
N. 1 Clemson	*
N. 8 at North Carolina	W
N. 15 Connecticut	W
N. 29 Maryland	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 at No. Illinois	L 41-42
S. 7 East Carolina	W 27-22
S. 14 at NC State	L 13-32
S. 21 at Purdue	W 24-21
S. 28 Virginia	L 34-38
O. 5 at Georgia Tech	W 24-21
O. 12 Duke	W 36-10
O. 19 at Clemson	L 23-31
O. 26 North Carolina	W 31-0
N. 2 Florida State	L 21-34
N. 23 Navy	W 30-27
N. 30 at Maryland	L 14-32
D. 30 #Oregon	W 38-17
#Seattle Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.4 ppg	58
Rushing	241.2 ypg	7
Passing	166.9 ypg	93
Total	408.1 ypg	24
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.2 ppg	53
Rushing	158.2 ypg	61
Passing	232.0 ypg	82
Total	390.2 ypg	74
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+18	+1.38	5

Head Coach: Jim Grobe

2002 Record (ACC): 7-6 (3-5)

Air Force falcons

Offense

Only at Air Force could a 44.4 percent passer earn his team's MVP award and enter his senior season as an all-conference candidate. Coaches hope Chance Harridge improves his accuracy, but they know his game is built around running the wishbone scheme. Harridge rushed for 94.5 yards per game and scored 22 touchdowns as a junior.

"From the first game through the last, the thing that impressed me was his decision-making," says offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen.

Harridge's ballhandling was a major reason the Falcons lost only 17 turnovers and led the Mountain West in turnover margin at plus-9. He also has the toughness and leadership ability of all of AFA's great wishbone quarterbacks.

The Falcons must replace Leotis Palmer, but the combination of Anthony Butler, Darnell Stephens and Matt Ward will staff the halfback positions quite well. Butler rushed for 75 yards against Virginia Tech in the San Francisco Bowl.

The Falcons' standard formation requires only one wide receiver, but they have three players whom Petersen describes as "interchangeable." Anthony Park, a triple jumper and long jumper in track and field, is the best athlete of the three, but Alec Messerall and J.P. Waller are also skilled.

At tight end, Adam Strecker receives as much praise from Petersen as any offensive player. Strecker was AFA's top receiver last season — with only 14 catches. Petersen is determined to involve him more in the passing game.

Air Force is one school where experience means everything in offensive line play, because of the blocking techniques involved in the wishbone. So the Falcons' coaches are pleased to wel-

come back four full-time starters — guards Brett Huyser and Jesse Underbakke and tackles Blane Neufeld and Brett Waller — and another player, center John Peel, who started six games.

Defense

Air Force will never have big, dominating defensive linemen. Yet a new scheme — a 3-3-5 alignment that also morphs into a 3-5-3 — worked well for AFA, with quickness and movement up front compensating for what the Falcons lack physically.

Monty Coleman, Nicholas Taylor and Charles Bueker, who was dominant in a win over Navy, adjusted well to the scheme and should keep improving.

Anthony Schlegel was an exceptional line-backer — so exceptional that he transferred to Ohio State. Trevor Hightower is back after leading the team with 6.5 sacks, and he was only one of 14 players credited with sacks.

The secondary is the Falcons' biggest issue. Jeff Overstreet is a fast, athletic cornerback and Larry Duncan is a dependable free safety. But AFA must find three other starters.

Specialists

Joey Ashcroft is one of the country's most accurate placekickers, having made 16-of-18 field goals as a junior. Robert Barkers did about half of the punting for AFA and averaged 43.6 yards, but he was a little inconsistent.

Final Analysis

Air Force will always have a lot of close games; the Falcons' discipline and determination give them a chance to win every week, but their talent level will keep them from dominating MWC opponents. AFA's biggest advantage is having Chance Harridge back at quarterback. Defensively, everything hinges on the three new starters in the secondary. Opponents such as San Diego State, Utah and BYU will feast on the Falcons if adequate replacements are not found.

MWC Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #55



Chance Harridge

Al Koolstra

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 14 Anthony Park (Sr.)	82 Alec Messerall (Jr.)
QT 77 Brett Waller (Sr.)	79 Scott Diehl (Sr.)
QG 75 Jesse Underbakke (Sr.)	60 Cory Crossetti (Sr.)
C 50 John Peel (Jr.)	66 Stephen Maddox (Sr.)
SG 63 Brett Huyser (Sr.)	70 Brian Jarratt (Jr.)
ST 61 Blane Neufeld (Sr.)	76 Tyler Terrazone (Sr.)
QB 11 Chance Harridge (Sr.)	4 Travis Thurmond (Jr.)
TE 86 Adam Strecker (Sr.)	98 Todd Jolly (Sr.)
FB 40 Steve Massie (Sr.)	24 Adam Cole (Jr.)
LHB 5 Anthony Butler (Jr.)	3 Matt Ward (So.)
RHB 15 Darnell Stephens (Jr.)	10 Joe Schieffer (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 42 Monty Coleman (Sr.)	99 Nathan Terrazone (So.)
NG 95 Nicholas Taylor (Sr.)	88 Russ Mitscherling (So.)
DE 90 Charles Bueker (Sr.)	53 Ryan Carter (Sr.)
ILB 58 Marchello Graddy (Sr.)	45 Kenny Smith (Jr.)
ILB 48 John Rudzinski (Jr.)	49 Cameron Hodge (Jr.)
ILB 44 Trevor Hightower (Sr.)	54 Justin Kasmarcak (So.)
RF 34 Sean Rodgers (Jr.)	37 Grant Mallory (Jr.)
LF 17 Adrian Wright (Sr.)	32 Felix Cole (Sr.)
CB 22 Jeff Overstreet (Sr.)	19 Jordan Wilkie (Jr.)
CB 7 Nate Allen (Jr.)	28 David Conley (Jr.)
FS 29 Larry Duncan (Sr.)	18 Chase Waterhouse (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 97 Joey Ashcroft (Sr.)
P 81 Robert Barkers (Jr.)
KR 82 Alec Messerall (Jr.)
PR 83 J.P. Waller (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Chance Harridge, 64-144-1,062-7, 10 TDs
Rushing:	Chance Harridge, 252 car., 1,229 yds., 22 TDs
Receiving:	Adam Strecker, 14 rec., 261 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Larry Duncan, 78, 36 solo
Sacks:	Trevor Hightower, 6.5
Interceptions:	Larry Duncan, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

9 The Falcons have posted nine consecutive seasons of .500 or better, matching Colorado State for the longest streak among Mountain West schools.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Wofford	W
S. 6 at Northwestern	W
S. 13 North Texas	W
S. 20 Wyoming	W
S. 27 at BYU	L
O. 4 #Navy	W
O. 11 UNLV	*
O. 16 at Colorado State	L
N. 1 Utah	W
N. 8 Army	W
N. 15 at New Mexico	L
N. 22 at San Diego State	W
#Landover, MD	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Northwestern	W 52-3
S. 7 New Mexico	W 38-31
S. 21 at California	W 23-21
S. 28 at Utah	W 30-26
O. 5 Navy	W 48-7
O. 12 BYU	W 52-9
O. 19 Notre Dame	L 14-21
O. 26 at Wyoming	L 26-34
O. 31 Colorado State	L 12-31
N. 9 at Army	W 49-30
N. 16 at UNLV	W 49-32
N. 23 San Diego State	L 34-38
D. 31 #Virginia Tech	L 13-20
#San Francisco Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.9 ppg	15
Rushing	307.8 ypg	1
Passing	90.4 ypg	116
Total	398.2 ypg	31
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.3 ppg	41
Rushing	155.5 ypg	58
Passing	198.8 ypg	38
Total	354.3 ypg	46
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	22

Head Coach: Fisher DeBerry

2002 Record (MWC): 8-5 (4-3)

Hawaii

warriors

Offense

Hawaii has begun pumping junior quarterback Timmy Chang for the Heisman Trophy. And why not? Barring serious injury, Chang figures to shatter Ty Detmer's NCAA career passing mark of 15,031 yards. With two seasons still to go, Chang has already thrown for 8,615 yards and 50 touchdowns. Chang should be helped by the fact that four of the Warriors' top five receivers return and will be joined in the fall by talented freshman Jason Rivers from nearby prep powerhouse St. Louis High School.

The one loss, however, is a big one. Slotback Justin Colbert finished second in the WAC with 92 receptions for 1,302 yards and eight scores.

Colbert's replacement will likely be junior Britton Komine, who had a team-high 10 touchdown receptions and caught 58 passes. The other slotback will be junior Chad Owens, who had 47 receptions despite missing four games with a knee injury.

The two wide receivers will be senior Jeremiah Cockheran, who had nine receptions for a career-high 207 yards in the Warriors' loss to Alabama, and sophomore Nate Ilaoa, who had 46 receptions despite playing much of the season with a painful shoulder injury that required off-season surgery.

Just how potent Hawaii's offense will be depends on how quickly respected offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh can rebuild a line that lost two All-WAC players in guard Vince Manuwai and center Lui Fuata. Another ex-starter, left tackle Wayne Hunter, was a third-round NFL draft pick by the Seattle Seahawks.

Defense

Hawaii head coach June Jones, known for putting together high-powered Run-N-Shoot offenses, is actually spending more time these

days talking about his defense.

"I think we're going to be better defensively this year since any time I've been here," Jones says. "This is the best talent we've ever had defensively on campus."

The defensive line, led by senior tackles Isaac Sopoaga, a second team All-WAC choice, and Lance Samuseva, is the deepest and arguably the most talented part of the defense.

The Warriors must replace all three starters at linebacker, but Jones is high on the talent and potential of their replacements.

All four starters return in the secondary, including first-team All-WAC safety Hyrum Peters and standout senior cornerback Kelvin Millhouse.

Specialists

The Warriors suffered a big loss with the graduation of first team All-WAC punter Mat McBriar, who averaged 44.8 yards on 48 punts.

Sophomore Tim Wright, who averaged 43.5 yards at Southwest Mississippi College, will try to fill McBriar's big shoes. Junior Justin Ayat returns for his third season as placekicker.

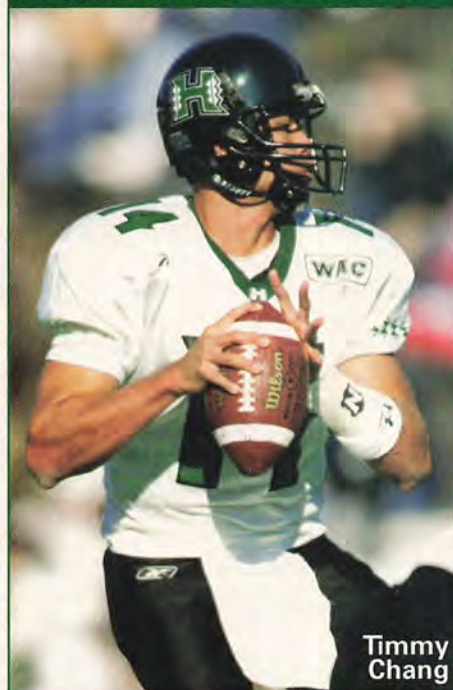
The return game, featuring Owens, who set two NCAA return records against BYU as a freshman, should be one of the best in the WAC.

Final Analysis

It's scary to think of how good Hawaii can be if its defense turns out to be as good as Jones is hinting. The offense, led by Chang, appears to be loaded at the skill positions. The big question is, will a young and rebuilt offensive line be able to give the oft-injured Chang time to utilize all his weapons? Defensively, Hawaii needs to get solid play from a talented but inexperienced group of linebackers. The Warriors must hit the road for six of their 13 games this year, which could catch up to them later in the year. The good news is that key WAC games against Fresno State and Boise State are in Honolulu.

WAC Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #56



Timmy Chang

Chris Covatta

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 84 Britton Komine (Jr.)	87 Kanale George (Jr.)
WR 2 Chad Owens (Jr.)	Jason Rivers (Fr.)
WR 4 Nate Ilaoa (So.)	21 Clifton Herbert (Sr.)
WR 19 Jeremiah Cockheran (Sr.)	83 Mike Akiu (So.)
LT 64 Samson Satele (Fr.)	72 Dane Uperesa (Fr.)
LG 77 Shayne Kajioka (Sr.)	66 Brandon Eaton (So.)
C 59 Derek Faavi (So.)	67 Phil Kauffman (Jr.)
RG 69 Uriah Moenao (Jr.)	75 Chad Kahale (Sr.)
RT 72 Dane Uperesa (Fr.)	71 Ryan Santos (Jr.)
QB 14 Timmy Chang (Jr.)	8 Jason Whieldon (Sr.)
RB 1 Mike Bass (Jr.)	20 John West (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 93 Houston Ala (Sr.)	11 Kevin Jackson (Sr.)
DT 97 Isaac Sopoaga (Sr.)	99 Lui Fuga (Sr.)
DT 92 Lance Samuseva (Sr.)	94 Abu Ma'afala (So.)
DE 1 Travis LaBoy (Sr.)	30 Kila Kamakawiwo'ole (So.)
LB 46 Keani Alapa (Sr.)	48 Patrick Lavar Harley (Jr.)
LB 56 Chad Kalilimoku (Sr.)	50 Lincoln Manutai (Jr.)
LB 51 Ikaika Curnan (So.)	41 Tyrone Brown (Jr.)
CB 37 Abraham Elimimian (Jr.)	24 Kenny Patton (So.)
CB 3 Kelvin Millhouse (Sr.)	A.J. Martinez (Fr.)
FS 17 David Gilmore (Sr.)	42 Leonard Peters (So.)
SS 33 Hyrum Peters (Sr.)	15 Lono Manners (So.)

Special Teams

K 47 Justin Ayat (Jr.)
P Tim Wright (So.)
KR 2 Chad Owens (Jr.)
PR 2 Chad Owens (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Timmy Chang, 349-624-4,474-22, 25 TDs
Rushing:	John West, 59 car., 451 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Britton Komine, 58 rec., 886 yds., 10 TDs
Tackles:	Hyrum Peters, 77, 55 solo
Sacks:	Travis LaBoy, 7
Interceptions:	Hyrum Peters, 4 for 176 yds., Kelvin Millhouse, 4 for 17 yards

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

6 Hawaii plays six road games this season, the most in school history.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Appalachian State	W
S. 13 at USC	L
S. 19 at UNLV	*
S. 27 Rice	W
O. 4 at Tulsa	W
O. 11 Fresno State	L
O. 18 at Louisiana Tech	W
O. 25 UTEP	W
N. 1 at San Jose State	W
N. 15 at Nevada	W
N. 22 Army	W
N. 29 Alabama	L
D. 6 Boise State	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Eastern Illinois	W 61-36
S. 6 at BYU	L 32-35
S. 21 at UTEP	W 31-6
S. 28 SMU	W 42-10
O. 5 at Boise St.	L 31-58
O. 12 Nevada	W 59-34
O. 20 Tulsa	W 37-14
O. 25 at Fresno St.	W 31-21
N. 2 San Jose St.	W 40-31
N. 16 at Rice	W 33-28
N. 23 Cincinnati	W 20-19
N. 30 Alabama	L 16-21
D. 7 San Diego St.	W 41-40
D. 25 #Tulane	L 28-36
#Hawaii Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.9 ppg	8
Rushing	109.5 ypg	100
Passing	386.1 ypg	2
Total	495.6 ypg	2
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	75
Rushing	168.7 ypg	79
Passing	226.3 ypg	71
Total	395.0 ypg	79
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.00	97

Head Coach: June Jones

2002 Record (WAC): 10-4 (7-1)

Northern Illinois huskies

Offense

Northern Illinois returns all of the key ingredients of a potent offensive unit that averaged 31.3 points per game. Quarterback Josh Haldi overcame a lack of experience to lead the Huskies to an 8-4 season that featured a seven-game winning streak. He ranked 27th in the nation in passing efficiency and produced the best sophomore passing season in school history.

Senior tailback Michael Turner took over the starting duties in the second game of the season after two-time 1,000-yard rusher Thomas Hammock was diagnosed with a heart ailment that ended his career. Turner's combination of size and speed led to a MAC single-season rushing mark of 1,915 yards and a school-best 2,284 all-purpose yards. Turner had eight rushes of 31 yards or longer and finished the season ranked second in the nation in rushing.

The receiving corps is young, talented and deep. Dan Sheldon and Sam Hurd played well in leading roles after P.J. Fleck went down with a season-ending hamstring injury. Fleck was granted a medical redshirt and returns for his fifth season.

Second-team All-MAC center Todd Ghilani and tackle Jake Verstraete will form the foundation of a young line that must replace three starters.

Defense

Northern Illinois must shore up some holes if it wants to contend for a conference championship. The defense lost five starters, but injuries to several players last season allowed numerous reserves to receive quality playing time.

The loss of first-team All-MAC linebacker

Larry Williams will hurt, but Nick Duffy, Brian Atkinson and Kursten Strothman will form a solid unit.

NIU's 4-3 defense will have speed on the ends with Jason Frank and Travis Moore.

The secondary looks strong with nine returning lettermen at the four spots. The graduation of two-time all-conference cornerback Vince Thompson will be offset by the return of hard-hitting free safety Lionel Hickenbottom, who played in only one game last season. Cornerback Rande Drew's seven interceptions last season were the most at NIU since 1965. Strong safety Akil Grant tied for 18th in the nation last fall with 138 tackles. Gerald Taylor will take over Thompson's spot at right corner.

Specialists

Sheldon came out of nowhere to earn the 2002 MAC Special Teams Player of the Year award. He led the country with a 22.7 yards-per-return average and returned three punts for touchdowns. Kicker Steve Azar could become the first four-time all-conference performer in school history.

Final Analysis

Joe Novak's squad finished 8-4 last season and lost three of its games by a combined nine points. The Huskies reached new heights last season despite enduring an onslaught of injuries. Expectations will be very high, and Northern Illinois will be tested early with a non-conference slate that includes Maryland, Iowa State and Alabama. If the Huskies can pull off an upset or two and remain healthy, the conference schedule might not look as imposing. The Huskies are hungry to prove last season was no fluke, and with three straight winning seasons under their belt, the future looks bright. The offense will carry the team, but the defense must be more consistent and reduce the number of big plays. The special teams will be among the best in the country.

MAC West Prediction: 2nd

National Forecast: #57



Michael Turner

Northern Illinois SID

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 82 P.J. Fleck (Sr.)	84 Sam Hurd (So.)
FL 5 Dan Sheldon (Jr.)	83 Shatone Powers (So.)
LT 76 Shea Fitzgerald (So.)	62 Doug Free (Fr.)
LG 77 Mark Orszula (Jr.)	64 Shaun Schroeder (Sr.)
C 63 Todd Ghilani (Sr.)	61 Matt Rogers (Fr.)
RG 65 Brian Van Acker (So.)	79 Ben Lueck (Jr.)
RT 66 Jake Verstraete (Jr.)	58 Efrain Cervantes (Fr.)
TE 89 Brad Cieslak (Jr.)	80 Pat Raleigh (So.)
HB 87 Aaron Anderson (Jr.)	54 Brad Benson (Fr.)
QB 10 Josh Haldi (So.)	6 Ryan Gilbert (Sr.)
TB 32 Michael Turner (Sr.)	24 A.J. Harris (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 99 Jason Frank (Sr.)	55 Vinson Reynolds (Sr.)
DT 90 Martin Wilson (Jr.)	95 Charles Johnson (So.)
NT 61 Leonard Cooksey (Sr.)	97 Justin McIntyre (So.)
DE 56 Travis Moore (Jr.)	44 Ken West (Fr.)
LB 38 Brian Atkinson (Jr.)	85 Jason Hutton (So.)
LB 45 Nick Duffy (Sr.)	22 Jason Hawkins (Jr.)
LB 50 Kursten Strothman (Jr.)	47 Javan Lee (So.)
CB 18 Rande Drew (Sr.)	27 Rob Lee (Jr.)
CB 15 Gerard Taylor (Sr.)	29 Deon Smith (So.)
SS 21 Akil Grant (Sr.)	48 Ray Smith (So.)
FS 9 Lionel Hickenbottom (Jr.)	23 Devron Francis (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 13 Steve Azar (Sr.)
P 92 Anthony Gallagher (Sr.)
KR 32 Michael Turner (Sr.)
PR 5 Dan Sheldon (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Josh Haldi, 130-254-2,027-6, 15 TDs
Rushing:	Michael Turner, 338 car., 1,915 yds., 19 TDs
Receiving:	Dan Sheldon, 40 rec., 783 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles:	Akil Grant, 138, 92 solo
Sacks:	Travis Moore, 7, Vinson Reynolds, 7
Interceptions:	Rande Drew, 7 for 103 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

18 Northern Illinois had 18 TD drives under one minute, which included 11 drives of two plays or less.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Maryland	L
S. 6 Tennessee Tech	W
S. 20 at Alabama	L
S. 27 Iowa State	L
O. 4 Ohio	W
O. 11 at Central Mich.	W
O. 18 Western Michigan	W
O. 25 at Bowling Green	W
N. 1 Ball State	W
N. 8 at Buffalo	W
N. 15 at Toledo	L
N. 22 Eastern Michigan	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 Wake Forest	W	42-41
S. 7 at South Florida	L	6-37
S. 14 at Wisconsin	L	21-24
S. 21 Western Illinois	L	26-29
S. 28 Kent State	W	13-6
O. 5 at Ball State	W	41-29
O. 12 at Miami (OH)	W	48-41
O. 19 Central Mich.	W	49-0
O. 26 at Western Mich.	W	24-20
N. 9 Bowling Green	W	26-17
N. 16 at Eastern Mich.	W	49-21
N. 23 Toledo	L	30-33

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.3 ppg	27
Rushing	200.8 ypg	27
Passing	175.4 ypg	90
Total	376.2 ypg	55
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	49
Rushing	131.8 ypg	38
Passing	254.9 ypg	103
Total	386.8 ypg	73
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.67	26

Head Coach: Joe Novak

2002 Record (MAC): 8-4 (7-1)

Kentucky wildcats

Offense

New coach Rich Brooks inherits talent, especially on offense. Quarterback Jared Lorenzen has been one of the most accurate passers in the Southeastern Conference for three years, and he should improve now that Brooks has encouraged him to shave 20 pounds off his 6'4" body. Backup quarterback Shane Boyd is so talented Brooks intends to rotate him between quarterback, running back and wide receiver.

Lorenzen has plenty of targets. Receiver Derek Abney set five NCAA records as a return specialist last season. Tommy Cook is a possession receiver and Glenn Holt should emerge as a dangerous deep threat.

Five starters return across the offensive line. What Brooks doesn't have is Artose Pinner, the best runner in the SEC last season. He's gone. Neither Alexis Bwenge nor Arliss Beach packs the between-the-tackles power of Pinner.

Defense

New defensive coordinator Mike Archer will try to implement a 3-4-4 defensive set. The pass rush should be a strength. Ellery Moore takes over at nosetackle to stuff the run, freeing Jeremy Caudill and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns to attack the quarterbacks.

Linebackers will be a problem. Kentucky doesn't have much experience or much talent. Justin Haydock and Dustin Williams will have to emerge as solid run-stoppers inside, especially if they are asked to back up a three-man front.

But the secondary should continue to improve. Leonard Burress is a proven cover guy and the other cornerback, Antoine Huffman,

O Kentucky's returning running backs — Alexis Bwenge and Arliss Beach — scored zero touchdowns in 44 combined carries last season.

has the size to take on larger receivers. Strong safety Mike Williams is a playmaker who has shown the ability to stop the sweep or intercept balls in deep zone coverage.

Specialists

Nobody does it better than Abney. He established an NCAA record for combined return yardage last season with 1,348. He also took six kicks back for touchdowns. Placekicker Taylor Begley showed a steady leg for a freshman, but Brooks must replace All-American Glenn Pakulak, who had an amazing ability to punt the ball out of bounds inside the opponent's 15-yard line.

Final Analysis

Life is never easy for the Kentucky football program. The Wildcats were supposed to celebrate an unexpected seven-victory season last year, but they had barely put the pads away before the celebration stopped. Coach Guy Morriss bolted for Baylor. And then stud defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson bolted for the NFL.

Enough bad news. The good news is Brooks has assembled a remarkable coaching staff that includes Archer, the former LSU head coach, former Utah head coach Ron McBride and Ron Hudson, the former Kansas State offensive coordinator.

This team should continue to benefit from the superb field position Abney gave it last season with his dazzling returns. But the loss of Pinner will put a strain on the passing game as well as the running game.

Defensively, Kentucky should continue its solid line play. But the NCAA probation-induced scholarship limitations are apparent at linebacker, where the Wildcats don't have the talent that you see at other SEC schools. The secondary must contribute more interceptions. And the absence of Pakulak means that the defense will not benefit from the field-position advantage it enjoyed last season.

SEC East Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #58



Jared Lorenzen

Brad Schloss

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 12 Derek Abney (Sr.)	4 Glenn Holt (So.)
WR 17 Tommy Cook (Jr.)	83 Gerard Parker (Jr.)
LT 61 Matt Huff (Jr.)	72 Michael Aitcheson (Fr.)
LG 70 Jason Rollins (Jr.)	71 Jared McGowan (So.)
C 78 Nick Seitze (Sr.)	79 Daniel Burnett (Jr.)
RG 75 Sylvester Miller (Sr.)	76 Joe Brady (Fr.)
RT 73 Antonio Hall (Sr.)	57 Hayden Lane (Fr.)
TE 84 Jeremiah Drobney (So.)	86 Win Gaffron (Sr.)
QB 22 Jared Lorenzen (Sr.)	7 Shane Boyd (Jr.)
FB 41 Ronald Johnson (So.)	43 Anthony Stevenson (Jr.)
TB 25 Alexis Bwenge (So.)	5 Arliss Beach (So.)

Defense (4)

DE 68 Jeremy Caudill (Sr.)	90 Jacob Stauber (Jr.)
NT 99 Ellery Moore (Jr.)	92 Bennie Mills (Jr.)
DE 98 Vincent Burns (Jr.)	91 Trey Mielsch (So.)
OLB 64 Deion Holts (So.)	Travis Day (Fr.)
ILB 52 Justin Haydock (Jr.)	51 Kamaal Ahmad (Jr.)
ILB 59 Dustin Williams (So.)	55 Chad Anderson (So.)
OLB Durrell White (Fr.)	50 Raymond Fontaine (So.)
CB 27 Leonard Burress (Sr.)	21 Warren Wilson (So.)
CB 36 Antoine Huffman (So.)	24 Bo Smith (So.)
SS 1 Mike Williams (Jr.)	42 Muhammad Abdullah (Jr.)
FS 32 Earven Flowers (Jr.)	35 Travis Atwell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 89 Taylor Begley (So.)
P 93 Sevin Sucurovic (Jr.)
KR 12 Derek Abney (Sr.)
PR 12 Derek Abney (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jared Lorenzen, 183-327-2,267-5, 24 TDs
Rushing:	Shane Boyd, 12 car., 124 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Derek Abney, 40 rec., 569 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Vincent Burns, 49.5, 44 solo
Sacks:	Vincent Burns, 3, Ellery Moore, 3
Interceptions:	Mike Williams, 2 for 18 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 31 Louisville	W
S. 6 Murray State	W
S. 13 at Alabama	L
S. 20 at Indiana	W
S. 27 Florida	L
O. 11 at South Carolina	*
O. 18 Ohio	W
O. 25 Mississippi State	W
N. 1 Arkansas	L
N. 15 at Vanderbilt	W
N. 22 at Georgia	L
N. 29 Tennessee	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 1 at Louisville	W 22-17
S. 7 UTEP	W 77-17
S. 14 Indiana	W 27-17
S. 21 Middle Tenn.	W 44-22
S. 28 at Florida	L 34-41
O. 12 South Carolina	L 12-16
O. 19 at Arkansas	W 29-17
O. 26 Georgia	L 24-52
N. 2 at Miss. State	W 45-24
N. 9 LSU	L 30-33
N. 16 Vanderbilt	W 41-21
N. 30 at Tennessee	L 0-24

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	32.1 ppg	23
Rushing	148.5 ypg	57
Passing	198.9 ypg	70
Total	347.4 ypg	87
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	25.1 ppg	52
Rushing	174.3 ypg	87
Passing	226.9 ypg	72
Total	401.3 ypg	82
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
	+0.58	30

Head Coach: Rich Brooks

2002 Record (SEC): 7-5 (3-5)

Tulane

green wave

Offense

C-USA teams traditionally don't pack the strength-of-schedule punch to launch successful Heisman campaigns. But if Tulane can go unbeaten through a tough September, the league may have a candidate. Mewelde Moore is the nation's best all-purpose back and one of the most productive in NCAA history. A senior, Moore has compiled more rushing and receiving yards (3,860) in the last two seasons than any other returning player in the country.

"It's statistically proven that Mewelde is, if not the best, than one of the best to ever play here," says Tulane coach Chris Scelfo. "Then you add in his pass-catching ability, his vision and his strength. He excels at everything he puts his mind to."

Moore won't be the team's only offensive weapon. Quarterback J.P. Losman, at 6'3" and 215 pounds, has the size to play at the next level. A threat to run, he also can throw accurately on the run.

At receiver, Tulane will welcome back Roydell Williams, perhaps the best at his position in the conference. Williams missed most of last season after breaking a bone in his left leg and was granted a medical hardship. Two years ago, he averaged a team-best 15.8 yards per catch.

On the offensive line, the Green Wave has a future all-conference player in sophomore tackle Chris McGee. Somewhat undersized at 265 pounds, he was the line's most dominant blocker and displayed excellent footwork.

Defense

Defensive coordinator Eric Schumann was courted heavily by new Alabama coach Mike

Price, but resisted an offer to return to his alma mater to continue rebuilding the Tulane defense. Last year, Schumann's first at Tulane, the Green Wave made significant improvements. This year, though, no starters return on the defensive line or in the secondary. Schumann may get a boost from the move of linebacker Daniel Nevil to defensive end. Nevil is a bit undersized at 220 pounds, but he could be a disruptive presence. Two years ago as a linebacker, he was second on the team with 112 tackles, including 12 for lost yardage, and had five sacks.

At linebacker, two starters — Wesley Heath and Anthony Cannon — return along with Brandon Spincer, a member of the C-USA All-Freshman Team two years ago. He sat out 2002 for academic reasons.

In the secondary, Schumann is counting on sophomores Sean Lucas and Bruce Youmans, who had a solid spring, and junior Tra Boger. Lucas possesses sprinter's speed, which he used to turn three returns into scores a year ago.

Specialists

The program's historically strong kicking game will be entrusted to two rookies: place-kicker Barrett Pepper and punter Chris Beckman. Pepper has a strong leg, and while Pepper also punted for his high school team, Beckman will get the nod. Beckman averaged 41 yards per punt, with a long of 68 yards, as a high school senior.

Final Analysis

Tulane will field one of the conference's top offenses. Losman completed nearly 60 percent of his passes a year ago and threw for 19 touchdowns. He was intercepted only 10 times. Moore is as dangerous a dual threat as there is in the nation, and Williams is returning after missing most of last year with an injury. The offensive unit returns almost intact. Where the Green Wave must make up ground is on defense.

C-USA Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #59

Mewelde Moore



Tulane SID

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	9 Roydell Williams (Jr.)	17 Bubba Terranova (So.)
WR	1 Tristan Smith (Jr.)	25 James Dunn (Sr.)
WR*	8 Nick Narcisse (Sr.)	83 Carl Davis (Jr.)
LT	68 Chris McGee (So.)	51 Willie Christian (So.)
LG	72 Matt Traina (So.)	75 Mark Burgess (Fr.)
C	50 Will Blaylock (So.)	55 Joe Traina (So.)
RG	66 Donald Madlock (So.)	73 Joe Mitchell (Sr.)
RT	76 Jimmy Kosienski (Jr.)	64 Derek Rogers (Fr.)
TE	88 Bobby Hoover (Jr.)	87 Jerome Landry (So.)
QB	7 J.P. Losman (Sr.)	2 Billy Don Malone (Fr.)
RB	26 Mewelde Moore (Sr.)	28 Jovon Jackson (So.)
FB	38 Kris Coleman (Sr.)	43 Quintin Jones (Fr.)

Defense (2)

DE	95 Michael Roberts (So.)	82 Laine Sambrooks (Jr.)
DT	81 Terrence Tarver (Sr.)	93 Taurean Brown (Fr.)
DT	99 Wallace Mateen (Jr.)	92 Michael Purcell (Fr.)
DE	40 Daniel Nevil (Sr.)	90 Taylor Bertin (Fr.)
LB	41 Wesley Heath (Sr.)	39 Antonio Mason (So.)
LB	32 Brandt Quick (Sr.)	46 Blake Baker (Jr.)
LB	36 Anthony Cannon (So.)	5 Brandon Spincer (So.)
CB	20 Bruce Youmans (So.)	34 Jeremy Foreman (Fr.)
CB	31 Sean Lucas (So.)	30 Darren Sapp (So.)
SS	23 Tra Boger (Jr.)	35 Winfred Brown (Sr.)
FS	27 Joey Dawson (Jr.)	10 Tommy Griffin, Jr. (So.)

Special Teams

K	Barrett Pepper (Fr.)
P	45 Chris Beckman (Fr.)
KR	1 Tristan Smith (Jr.)
PR	1 Tristan Smith (Jr.)

Special Teams

Passing:	J.P. Losman, 230-401-2,468-10, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Mewelde Moore, 288 car., 1,138 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Mewelde Moore, 52 rec., 545 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Anthony Cannon, 114, 67 solo
Sacks:	Blake Baker, 5
Interceptions:	Sean Lucas, 2 for 119 yds., Trawick Boger, 2 for 36 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations (#) Indicates number of returning starters **BOLD** indicates returning starters

23 Senior running back Mewelde Moore holds 23 Tulane offensive records. Moore is the program's career rushing leader (3,449 yards) and its all-purpose leader (5,182 yards).

2003 Schedule

S. 1	TCU	L
S. 6	Northwestern St.	W
S. 13	Mississippi State	W
S. 20	at Army	W
S. 27	at Texas	L
O. 11	Houston	W
O. 18	at Louisville	*
O. 25	Memphis	*
N. 1	at Navy	W
N. 8	at UAB	W
N. 15	at Southern Miss	L
N. 22	East Carolina	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	at Southern	W	37-19
S. 7	at Houston	W	34-13
S. 14	at East Carolina	L	20-24
S. 21	at Memphis	L	10-38
S. 28	Texas	L	0-49
O. 5	at UL-Monroe	W	52-9
O. 12	Cincinnati	W	35-17
O. 19	UAB	W	35-14
O. 26	Navy	W	51-30
N. 9	at TCU	L	10-17
N. 16	Army	L	10-14
N. 23	Southern Miss	W	31-10
D. 25	#Hawaii	W	36-28
	#Hawaii Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	27.8 ppg	54
Rushing	109.4 ypg	101
Passing	203.5 ypg	65
Total	312.9 ypg	109
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	21.7 ppg	33
Rushing	180.1 ypg	93
Passing	191.9 ypg	32
Total	371.9 ypg	62
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+22	+1.69	2

Head Coach: Chris Scelfo

2002 Record (C-USA): 8-5 (4-4)

Syracuse

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As long as the Orangemen have tailbacks Walter Reyes and Damien Rhodes, one of the top tailback tandems in the nation, there is reason for optimism in upstate New York. Reyes is a powerful, swift back who can run through defenses and run away from defensive backs. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry a year ago, and coaches say he has taken his game to another level. Rhodes has added more size and is just scratching the surface of his potential.

The two backs will benefit from running behind a veteran offensive line, experienced tight ends and an underrated fullback in Thump Belton.

Senior quarterback R.J. Anderson is eager to take back the job he fought so hard and long to win. After leading Syracuse to a 10-3 season in 2001, Anderson inexplicably regressed and played so poorly that coaches had to pull the plug and summon senior Troy Nunes off the bench. Anderson's touchdown-to-interception ratio slumped to 4-to-8 last fall, and he completed just 43.3 percent of his passes in '02.

Anderson's job will be a lot easier if the Orangemen's talented but underachieving corps of receivers can play with some consistency.

Defense

They're talking tough. They say they'll have a nastier temperament and will be on a weekly mission to atone for their pitiful performance of last season. It won't matter unless the Orangemen improve their secondary, which welcomes three new starters and two new coaches.

The key piece to the puzzle is Diamond Ferri. He was slated to be Syracuse's starting tailback last season until academics and off-field

problems forced him to take a year's sabbatical. He's back as the starting strong safety. Terrell Lemon won the cornerback spot opposite Steve Gregory, who emerged as one of the top young defensive backs in the league last season.

The Orangemen return four starting defensive linemen led by tackle Louis Gachelin. There's no Dwight Freeney, and the team's pass rush remains soft. Rich Scanlon moves from outside linebacker to inside linebacker to run the defense. The linebacking corps should get a significant boost in the fall with the return of senior starter Jameel Dumas, who withdrew from school in the spring for personal reasons.

Specialists

Syracuse needs a significant upgrade and could overhaul its entire kicking game. Junior Collin Barber faded last season and missed a crucial extra point at the end of a one-point loss to Temple. He's likely to be challenged by incoming freshman Ricky Krautman. Redshirt freshman Brendan Carney takes over the punting duties. He's 6'5" and has a serious leg.

Jamel Riddle is an exceptional punt returner. He earned second-team All-Big East honors last season. But Riddle was dismissed from school for academic reasons and has a legal matter hanging over his head. His return is uncertain.

Final Analysis

The key to a turnaround at Syracuse is the defense. The Orangemen do not have enough offensive firepower to overcome a defense that regularly surrenders 500 yards per game. This group must improve its pass rush, its ability to cover receivers and its tackling. The Orangemen should be able to move the ball on the ground with Reyes and Rhodes running behind a veteran offensive line. If Anderson returns to his 2001 form and some of the talented receivers emerge, head coach Paul Pasqualoni might be able to squeeze a bowl appearance out of this group.

159 Syracuse has lost four straight games to Miami by a total of 159 points. The Canes have outscored SU 179-20 over that stretch.

Big East Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #60



Walter Reyes

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Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 12	Jared Jones (Jr.)	82	Rashard Williams (So.)
WR 2	Johnnie Morant (Sr.)	80	Andre Fontenette (Jr.)
LT 78	Adam Terry (Jr.)	77	Tim Carignan (So.)
LG 72	Jason Greene (So.)	71	Steve Franklin (So.)
C 61	Nick Romeo (Sr.)	68	Chris Buda (Sr.)
RG 75	Matt Tarullo (Jr.)	71	Steve Franklin (So.)
RT 74	Kevin Sampson (Sr.)	69	Quinn Ojinnaka (So.)
TE 41	Lenny Cusumano (Sr.)	40	Joe Donnelly (Sr.)
QB 5	R.J. Anderson (Sr.)	16	Xavier Gaines (So.)
TB 39	Walter Reyes (Jr.)	1	Damien Rhodes (So.)
FB 43	Thump Belton (Sr.)	35	Greg Hanoian (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 97	Josh Thomas (Sr.)	56	Julian Pollard (Jr.)
DT 99	Louis Gachelin (Sr.)	70	Kader Drame (So.)
NT 93	Christian Ferrara (Sr.)	83	Shadeed Harris (Fr.)
DE 90	James Wyche (So.)	94	Ryan LaCasse (So.)
SLB 50	Jameel Dumas (Sr.)	45	Kelvin Smith (Fr.)
MLB 57	Rich Scanlon (Sr.)	46	Cory Brooks (So.)
WLB 31	Kellen Pruitt (So.)	42	Luke Cain (Fr.)
CB 25	Steve Gregory (So.)	26	Terrell Lemon (Fr.)
CB 26	Terrell Lemon (Fr.)	29	Thomas Whitfield (So.)
SS 22	Diamond Ferri (Jr.)	18	Troy Swittenburg (Jr.)
FS 37	Anthony Smith (So.)	21	O'Neil Scott (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 19	Collin Barber (Jr.)
P 47	Brendan Carney (Fr.)
KR 1	Damien Rhodes (So.)
PR 82	Rashard Williams (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	R.J. Anderson, 58-134-899-8, 4 TDs
Rushing:	Walter Reyes, 182 car., 1,135 yds., 17 TDs
Receiving:	Johnnie Morant, 24 rec., 327 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Jameel Dumas, 91, 55 solo
Sacks:	Louis Gachelin, 8.5
Interceptions:	Steven Gregory, 2 for 2 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 6	at North Carolina	W
S. 13	Louisville	W
S. 20	UCF	*
S. 27	Toledo	W
O. 11	at Virginia Tech	W
O. 18	Boston College	*
O. 25	at Pittsburgh	L
N. 8	Temple	W
N. 15	at Miami	L
N. 22	West Virginia	L
N. 29	at Rutgers	W
D. 6	Notre Dame	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29	at BYU	L	21-42
S. 7	North Carolina	L	22-30
S. 14	Rhode Island	W	63-17
S. 28	at Auburn	L	34-37
O. 5	Pittsburgh	L	24-48
O. 12	at Temple	L	16-17
O. 19	at W. Virginia	L	7-34
O. 26	Rutgers	W	45-14
N. 2	at UCF	W	38-35
N. 9	Virginia Tech	W	50-42
N. 16	at Boston Coll.	L	20-41
N. 30	Miami	L	7-49

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	45
Rushing	188.8 ypg	34
Passing	187.7 ypg	79
Total	376.4 ypg	54
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.8 ppg	98
Rushing	171.9 ypg	85
Passing	303.8 ypg	117
Total	475.7 ypg	113
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.17	49

Head Coach: Paul Pasqualoni

2002 Record (Big East): 4-8 (2-5)

Washington State

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Offense

Washington State walks into the 2003 season with a new direction, but the Cougars hope to be headed to the same place — the Rose Bowl. Bill Doba, a career assistant at the college level, has taken over for Mike Price, but Doba doesn't plan on tinkering with the schemes his former boss brought to the Palouse back in 1989.

The Cougars will empty the backfield on occasion. The offense will still be primarily one-back, although Doba has said he'll use some two-back sets. Whether the Cougars have the personnel for these schemes is another matter. Gone is all-everything quarterback Jason Gesser. Senior Matt Kegel, who at times shined and at others struggled, is the new signal-caller. Kegel has the athletic ability, but his leadership and on-field play have been questioned. If Kegel falters, WSU has capable backups in freshman Josh Swogger and sophomore Chris Hurd.

Whoever winds up with the job will have a safety blanket in running back Jermaine Green. The senior struggled with injuries last season but remained injury free throughout the spring.

At wide receiver, Devard Darling will be the No. 1 target. Sammy Moore, who has shown flashes, could also be a solid wideout.

Look for the WSU to involve the tight end more, as offensive coordinator Mike Levenseller favors the short passing game. The Cougars lost three starting offensive linemen to graduation but should actually be better across the offensive line.

Defense

The Cougars' main issue on defense is finding a cornerback to replace Marcus Trufant.

47.5 The Cougars have averaged 47.5 sacks over the past two seasons. They have either led the Pac-10 or tied for the league lead both years.

Karl Paymah, an unproven junior, will get the first shot. WSU is set at the other corner, where 5'8" Jason David returns. He had seven interceptions in 10 games last season. Erik Coleman and Virgil Williams return as starters at the safety spots.

Across the front, WSU should be as good as last season despite losing Outland Trophy winner Rien Long. Tai Tupai, Long's replacement, started as a sophomore and has slimmed down and increased his speed. Defensive ends D.D. Acholonu and Isaac Brown run sub-4.5 40s and have been playing together for three seasons. Acholonu led the Pac-10 in sacks as a sophomore.

At linebacker, playmaker Will Derting will run the show. Derting has a knack for getting to the ball, can cover the tight end and has good closing speed.

Specialists

Drew Dunning and Kyle Basler return at the kicker and punter spots, respectively. Dunning, a senior, will be looking to get back to his sophomore level, when he was a Lou Groza semifinalist. Basler is one of the better athletes on the team and a threat to tuck and run on fake punts.

Final Analysis

Another 10-win season might be out of reach for this Cougar team. Offensively, there is bound to be some drop-off with Kegel replacing Gesser and two of the top three receivers moving on. Defensively, WSU could be as good as it was last season. But Oklahoma showed how to exploit the Cougars' run defense in the bowl game, and other teams might figure that out as well.

The early-season schedule could be a key factor in the Cougars' fortunes. WSU must travel to Notre Dame and Colorado in weeks two and three. A couple of bad losses and confidence will be lost. But if WSU wins both or earns a split, it could be a boost to a team that will be in search of leadership and an identity early on.

Pac-10 Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #61

Jermaine Green



Peter Brouillet

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE	20 Sammy Moore (Sr.)	88 Trandon Harvey (So.)
FL	1 Devard Darling (Jr.)	85 Chris Jordan (Fr.)
LT	67 Calvin Armstrong (Jr.)	77 Patrick Afif (Jr.)
LG	50 Josh Parrish (Sr.)	64 Steve Nelson (Sr.)
C	63 Mike Shelford (Sr.)	66 Nick Muhlhauser (So.)
RG	71 Billy Knotts (Sr.)	78 Riley Fitt-Chappell (So.)
RT	75 Sam Lightbody (Jr.)	68 Charles Harris (Fr.)
TE	81 Troy Bienemann (So.)	47 Jesse Taylor (Fr.)
SB	35 Scott Lunde (Sr.)	6 Marty Martin (So.)
QB	4 Matt Kegel (Sr.)	8 Chris Hurd (So.)
RB	30 Jermaine Green (Sr.)	23 Jonathan Smith (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE	9 Isaac Brown (Sr.)	94 Mkristo Bruce (Fr.)
DT	95 Jeremy Williams (Sr.)	44 Josh Shavies (Sr.)
DT	97 Tai Tupai (Sr.)	99 Steve Cook (Jr.)
DE	17 D.D. Acholonu (Sr.)	96 Adam Braidwood (So.)
WLB	48 Al Genatone (Sr.)	46 Pat Bennett (Jr.)
MLB	52 Don Jackson (Sr.)	43 Brian Hall (Fr.)
SLB	51 Will Derting (So.)	12 Ira Davis (Sr.)
CB	15 Karl Paymah (Jr.)	21 Alex Teems (So.)
CB	29 Jason David (Sr.)	36 Don Turner (Fr.)
SS	24 Virgil Williams (Sr.)	28 Hamza Abdullah (Jr.)
FS	27 Erik Coleman (Sr.)	26 Jeremy Bohannon (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	10 Drew Dunning (Sr.)
P	8 Kyle Basler (So.)
KR	20 Sammy Moore (Sr.)
PR	20 Sammy Moore (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Matt Kegel, 27-40-211-1, 1 TD
Rushing:	Jermaine Green, 150 car., 829 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Devard Darling, 54 rec., 800 yds., 11 TDs
Tackles:	Erik Coleman, 86, 58 solo
Sacks:	Isaac Brown, 8
Interceptions:	Jason David, 7 for 101 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Idaho	W
S. 6 at Notre Dame	L
S. 13 at Colorado	L
S. 20 New Mexico	*
S. 27 at Oregon	L
O. 4 Arizona	W
O. 18 at Stanford	W
O. 25 Oregon State	L
N. 1 at USC	L
N. 8 UCLA	L
N. 15 Arizona State	L
N. 22 at Washington	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Nevada	W	31-7
S. 7 Idaho	W	49-14
S. 14 at Ohio State	L	7-25
S. 21 Montana State	W	45-28
S. 28 at California	W	48-38
O. 5 USC	W	30-27
O. 12 at Stanford	W	36-11
O. 26 at Arizona	W	21-13
N. 2 Arizona State	W	44-22
N. 9 Oregon	W	32-21
N. 23 Washington	L	26-29
D. 7 at UCLA	W	48-27
J. 1 #Oklahoma	L	14-34
		#Rose Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.2 ppg	17
Rushing	129.2 ypg	79
Passing	292.7 ypg	13
Total	421.9 ypg	16
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	37
Rushing	87.2 ypg	8
Passing	255.2 ypg	104
Total	342.5 ypg	40
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.31	75

Head Coach: Bill Doba

2002 Record (Pac-10): 10-3 (7-1)

UNLV rebels

Offense

UNLV will have a new look on offense when it takes the field for its 2003 opener against Toledo on Aug. 30. Veteran quarterback Jason Thomas is gone. The job now goes to 23-year-old junior Kurt Nantkes, a more polished passer who spent two years as a minor league pitcher in the Oakland Athletics farm system before deciding to give football another try. Nantkes came off the bench for the injured Thomas to end an otherwise forgettable 5-7 season in spectacular fashion, leading the Rebels to a stunning 36-33 upset over No. 13-ranked Colorado State in UNLV's season-finale.

Robinson is hoping Nantkes and 11 returning starters can carry over the momentum of that victory. That transition should be made smoother by an impressive group of skill players.

Leading the way is Larry Croom, a transfer from Arizona who rushed for 605 yards and averaged 7.2 yards per attempt in a backup role last season. Explosive junior Dominique Dorsey and senior Deon Burnett, who rushed for 974 yards and 12 touchdowns as a true freshman at Washington State in 1999, also will see plenty of action as the Rebels will incorporate more two-back offense. And Alvin Marshall, one of the premier junior college running backs in the nation last fall, will also be in the mix.

Earvin Johnson, a second team All-Mountain West Conference pick who caught 51 passes a year ago, could be the best possession receiver in the conference.

Robinson made a big effort to upgrade the size and strength of the offensive line. He landed two highly touted mid-year junior college transfers, guard Joe Critchfield and 6'7", 285-pound tackle Tyler Crandal. Both could start.

14 UNLV quarterbacks threw 14 touchdown passes in 2002. Only Air Force (12) had fewer in the Mountain West Conference.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Toledo	*
S. 6 at Kansas	W
S. 13 at Wisconsin	L
S. 19 Hawaii	*
O. 4 at Nevada	W
O. 11 at Air Force	*
O. 18 Utah	*
O. 25 BYU	*
N. 1 at New Mexico	L
N. 8 San Diego State	W
N. 22 Colorado State	L
N. 29 at Wyoming	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Wisconsin	L	7-27
S. 7 Kansas	W	31-20
S. 14 at Oregon State	L	17-47
S. 21 at Toledo	L	21-38
O. 5 Nevada	W	21-17
O. 12 New Mexico	L	16-25
O. 19 at BYU	W	24-3
O. 26 at San Diego St.	L	21-31
N. 2 Wyoming	W	49-48
N. 9 at Utah	L	17-28
N. 16 Air Force	L	32-49
N. 30 at Colorado St.	W	36-33

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.3 ppg	78
Rushing	214.4 ypg	15
Passing	195.1 ypg	71
Total	409.5 ypg	22
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.5 ppg	84
Rushing	159.1 ypg	62
Passing	234.7 ypg	84
Total	393.8 ypg	77
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	83

Defense

The Rebels have a starting linebacking unit that can match up with any team in the league this year.

Junior Adam Seward, who led the MWC in tackles last season with 133, returns at middle linebacker. He'll be joined by junior Ryan Claridge, a 2002 preseason all-conference pick who sat out the entire season with a torn abdominal muscle. Rounding out the group will be either speedy junior Reggie Butler or junior college All-American John Andrews of Compton (Calif.) College. Don't be surprised if the Rebels use some 3-4 defensive alignments to better utilize those linebackers.

The key to the defense will be finding two dependable corners to complement 2002 MWC Defensive Player of the Year Jamaal Brimmer and highly touted junior college transfer Willie Tagoei at safety.

Specialists

Both senior placekicker Dillon Pieffer and junior punter Gary Cook return after solid seasons. The big focus here will be upgrading the return game, which woefully underperformed in 2002. UNLV finished a dreadful 88th nationally in kickoff returns and 103rd in punt returns.

Final Analysis

UNLV's hopes for a winning season and earning a bowl bid for the first time in four years will hinge a great deal on the health and development of Nantkes. A revamped offensive line will need to keep Nantkes' jersey clean, because none of the backups has taken a college snap. The running game will have to pave the way on offense. Defensively, Seward, Claridge and Brimmer must come up with their share of big plays. The Rebels, who host perennial conference heavyweights BYU, Colorado State and Utah this year, could make a run at the Mountain West title.

MWC Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #62



Adam Seward

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	8 Michael Johnson (Sr.)	17 Terry Furlow (So.)
WR	4 Earvin Johnson (Jr.)	84 David Relf (Sr.)
LT	71 Matt Williams (Sr.)	63 Brandon Gray (Fr.)
LG	76 Marcus Johnson (Jr.)	61 Harvey Robinson (So.)
C	73 Dominic Furio (Sr.)	54 Aaron Mueller (Fr.)
RG	56 Joe Critchfield (Jr.)	69 Marco Guerra (Fr.)
RT	68 Zach Gorham (So.)	78 Tyler Crandal (Jr.)
TE	94 Ryan Clifford (Sr.)	86 Greg Estandia (Jr.)
QB	7 Kurt Nantkes (Jr.)	6 Scott Turner (So.)
TB	1 Larry Croom (Sr.)	20 Deon Burnett (Sr.)
FB	35 Andrew Faga (Sr.)	5 Dyante Perkins (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	47 Chris Eagen (Sr.)	97 Pete Dunbar (Sr.)
DT	91 Dietrich Canterberry (Sr.)	92 Brian Nicholson (Jr.)
DT	99 Joe Oniwor (Sr.)	64 Steve Lawless (Jr.)
DE	98 Leon Moore (So.)	72 Ryan Heise (Fr.)
WLB	32 Reggie Butler (Jr.)	52 John Andrews (Jr.)
MLB	55 Adam Seward (Jr.)	58 Terrence Young (Jr.)
SLB	49 Ryan Claridge (Jr.)	46 Zach Bell (Jr.)
CB	37 David Olsen (So.)	3 R. Dodd-Masters (Jr.)
CB	22 Jason Rogers (Fr.)	15 Daniel Jones (Sr.)
SS	27 Jamaal Brimmer (Jr.)	31 Mike Clancey (Sr.)
FS	Willie Tagoei (Jr.)	45 Joe Miklos (So.)

Special Teams

K	95 Dillon Pieffer (Sr.)
P	16 Gary Cook (Jr.)
PR	1 Larry Croom (Sr.)
KR	1 Larry Croom (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Kurt Nantkes, 35-71-405-5, 6 TDs
Rushing:	Larry Croom, 84 car., 605 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Earvin Johnson, 51 rec., 793 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Adam Seward, 133, 55 solo
Sacks:	Jamaal Brimmer, 5.5
Interceptions:	Ruschardd Dodd-Masters, 2 for 26 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: John Robinson

2002 Record (MWC): 5-7 (3-4)

North Texas

mean green

Offense

There's no denying that North Texas was sluggish offensively a year ago. But while the Mean Green were last in the Sun Belt in total offense, they were far from inept.

North Texas boasted two of the top seven rushers in the league, including fleet-footed Patrick Cobbs. Now entering his junior season, Cobbs becomes the feature back, replacing Kevin Galbreath.

In Ja'Mel Branch, North Texas has a viable option through the air. His numbers were nearly identical to leading receiver George Marshall, but he's more versatile and is a threat rushing or returning kicks.

Anchoring the offensive line is right guard Nick Zuniga, a three-time all-conference honoree. Starting center Andy Brewster also returns, but the Mean Green must replace three other starters, including two all-conference selections.

Quarterback Andrew Smith was forced into the lineup as a true freshman when starter Scott Hall was injured in the season-opener against Texas. Smith started the next 12 games, but finished last in the league in pass efficiency. Hall returned for spring practice and re-established himself as the No. 1 quarterback.

Defense

North Texas welcomes back eight starters from the Sun Belt's stingiest defense. Six of those returnees were named all-conference, including tackle Brandon Kennedy, the league's 2002 Player of the Year. He was second in the nation with 25 tackles for a loss and led the Sun Belt with 10 sacks.

Kennedy rehabbed an injured knee this spring but will be ready to go in the fall.

3 The Mean Green finished third in the nation in scoring defense in 2002, allowing a meager 14.8 points per game.

Second-team All-Sun Belt end Adrian Awasom also missed spring practice while playing with the North Texas basketball team.

First team all-conference linebackers Cody Spencer and Taylor Casey return to the fray. Spencer earned his accolades even though he missed five games with an injured elbow. Casey led the team and was second in the league in total tackles.

All-Sun Belt selections Jonas Buckles and Craig Jones return as safeties. Buckles leads all returning Sun Belt players in career interceptions. Jones has started every game since coming to North Texas. Jeremy Pearl and Walter Priestley will start on the corners after dividing time at one position last year.

Specialists

Punter Brad Kadlubar is back after his 42.2-yard average and league-leading 21 kicks inside the 20 earned him second team all-conference honors. Nick Bazaldua was inconsistent as a freshman placekicker but was steady enough to make 3-of-5 from beyond 40 yards.

Final Analysis

In 2001, North Texas won the Sun Belt but lost to Colorado State in the New Orleans Bowl to finish the season with a losing record. Last year, the Mean Green returned to the Big Easy with a winning record and capped their season with a bowl-game win over Cincinnati.

The goals this year are the same: win the conference and win the bowl game. The Mean Green will also try to break into the win column against an opponent from a major conference. The best opportunity comes on Sept. 6 when Baylor visits Denton.

This is a dangerous team once again. The lineup is loaded with upperclassmen who want to go out as winners, and youngsters ready to prove they are worthy of carrying on the tradition. For the third consecutive year, the road to New Orleans goes through Denton.

Sun Belt Prediction: 1st

National Forecast: #63



Brandon Kennedy

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 34 Ja'Mel Branch (Jr.)	80 Kevin Howard (Sr.)
WR 8 Michael Thrash (Sr.)	31 Joel Nwigwe (So.)
LT 59 Weston Thaggard (Fr.)	72 Joel Foster (Fr.)
LG Dylan Lineberry (Fr.)	54 Jonathan Jusiewicz (Jr.)
C 57 Andy Brewster (Jr.)	76 Lonnie Chambers (Jr.)
RG 77 Nick Zuniga (Sr.)	61 Cory Hall (Jr.)
RT 64 Jason May (So.)	70 Ian Hobbs (Sr.)
TE 88 Randy Gardner (Sr.)	7 Andy Blount (Jr.)
QB 11 Scott Hall (Jr.)	12 Andrew Smith (So.)
FB 45 Chad Boyd (Jr.)	49 Jimmie Williams (So.)
RB 43 Patrick Cobbs (So.)	21 Roy Bishop (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 65 Luke Conder (Sr.)	44 Tommy Harrison (Jr.)
DT 92 Brandon Kennedy (Sr.)	52 Chris Miller (So.)
DT 95 Evan Cardwell (Jr.)	53 Trey Davis (Sr.)
DE 85 Adrian Awasom (Jr.)	47 Grady Davis (So.)
LB 4 Taylor Casey (Sr.)	15 Montrell Parks (Jr.)
LB 48 Cody Spencer (Sr.)	24 Justin Claborn (Sr.)
LB 17 Chris Hurd (Sr.)	51 Korye Wyatt (Sr.)
CB 10 Jeremy Pearl (Sr.)	25 LeMario Hollis (Fr.)
CB 18 Walter Priestley (Jr.)	9 Dominique Mackey (So.)
SS 22 Craig Jones (Sr.)	46 Shawn Early (So.)
FS 1 Jonas Buckles (Jr.)	2 Markeith Knowlton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 29 Nick Bazaldua (So.)
P 35 Brad Kadlubar (So.)
KR 34 Ja'Mel Branch (So.)
PR 34 Ja'Mel Branch (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Andrew Smith, 91-196-1,206-9, 7 TDs
Rushing:	Patrick Cobbs, 159 car., 761 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Ja'Mel Branch, 27 rec., 384 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Taylor Casey, 117, 61 solo
Sacks:	Brandon Kennedy, 10
Interceptions:	Cody Spencer, 3 for 61 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Oklahoma	L
S. 6 Baylor	W
S. 13 at Air Force	L
S. 20 #Arkansas	L
S. 27 UL-Lafayette	W
O. 11 at Idaho	W
O. 18 Utah State	W
O. 25 at Middle Tenn.	W
N. 1 Troy State	W
N. 8 at UL-Monroe	W
N. 15 Arkansas State	W
N. 22 at New Mexico St. *	
#Little Rock, AR	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Texas	L 0-27
S. 7 Nicholls State	W 23-0
S. 14 at Alabama	L 7-33
S. 21 at TCU	L 10-16
S. 28 at Arizona	L 9-14
O. 5 South Florida	L 17-24
O. 19 at Arkansas St.	W 13-10
O. 26 at UL-Lafayette	W 27-0
N. 2 UL-Monroe	W 41-2
N. 9 Idaho	W 10-0
N. 16 New Mexico St.	W 38-27
N. 23 at Middle Tenn.	W 30-20
D. 17 #Cincinnati	W 24-19
#New Orleans Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.2 ppg	102
Rushing	182.5 ypg	38
Passing	102.1 ypg	113
Total	284.5 ypg	115
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.8 ppg	3
Rushing	118.9 ypg	26
Passing	171.7 ypg	12
Total	290.6 ypg	9
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	45

Head Coach: Darrell Dickey

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 8-5 (6-0)

South Carolina gamecocks

Offense

Dondrial Pinkins is a 245-pound junior who looks like Daunte Culpepper. Coach Lou Holtz hopes Pinkins, the No. 1 quarterback coming out of the spring, can play like Culpepper. Pinkins started the final two games of the 2002 season and played relatively well, though the Gamecocks lost both games. He will be challenged in preseason camp by junior college transfer Mike Rathe and two top prep prospects, Syvelle Newton and Blake Mitchell.

Incoming freshman Demetris Summers has yet to play a single down, but many South Carolina fans are predicting he will one day join former Gamecock George Rogers as a Heisman Trophy winner.

Helping Summers dart through holes will be a young and big offensive line that Holtz believes has the potential to be one of the best he's ever coached. The anchor up front is senior tackle Travelle Wharton.

Troy Williamson caught just 17 passes as a freshman, but he made them count by amassing 491 yards and scoring four touchdowns. The Gamecocks need someone else to step up at receiver so Williamson won't face constant double-teams.

Defense

Holtz and new defensive coordinator Chris Cosh have opted to discard the 3-4 alignment favored by former coordinator Charlie Strong and switch to the more conventional 4-3. Holtz believes the new defense will help the Gamecocks improve their run defense and decrease the opposition's productivity on third down.

This new 4-3 will feature an outstanding pair of ends in Moe Thompson and George Gause, two former All-SEC Freshman picks.

4.3 South Carolina ranked 117th (or last) in the nation in 2002 with a meager 4.3 yards per punt return.

Junior college transfer Darrell Shropshire and senior Randy Jackson will hold down the two inside tackle positions.

The linebacking corps is fast, strong and big — and they all have experience. Jeremiah Garrison and Lance Laury are returning starters, while sophomore Ricardo Hurley, a former blue-chip recruit, is back to take on a larger role. Laury had orthoscopic surgery in the spring on the same knee he had scoped last October, but he is expected to make a full recovery.

Rod Wilson and Jamacia Jackson are penciled in as the starters in the safety slots, but it's the cornerback position that was in flux for much of last season. Seniors Dunta Robinson and Ted Crawford will start at the corners, but former safety Deandre' Eiland will be in the mix.

Specialists

Placekicker Daniel Weaver returns for his senior year, but he connected on just 4-of-10 kicks from beyond 30 yards, so his position is far from safe. The Gamecocks will open fall practice searching for a punter and some dependable return men.

Final Analysis

In the week following South Carolina's season-ending loss to archrival Clemson, Holtz admitted he was tired physically and mentally. But after a few weeks of rest at his home in Orlando, Fla., Holtz returned with a new vigor and sense of commitment to get South Carolina back to a bowl game.

This Gamecock team must resolve some issues, however, before it makes postseason plans. South Carolina must get improved play at quarterback, another receiver must step up to complement Williamson, and the special teams play has to improve. If all that happens, Lou's crew could get back to a bowl, but it will be extremely difficult for this team to crack the upper echelon of the brutal SEC East.

SEC East Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #64



Travelle Wharton

Courtland Richards

Depth Chart

Offense (2)

WR 82 Troy Williamson (So.)	84 Andre Hemphill (So.)
WR 83 Chavez Donnings (Sr.)	86 Kris Clark (So.)
WR 19 Andrea Gause (Jr.)	14 Taqiy Muhammad (Sr.)
LT 68 Travelle Wharton (Sr.)	73 Jon Hall (Fr.)
LG 78 Jabari Levey (So.)	75 Chad Walker (Jr.)
C 74 John Strickland (Jr.)	63 Kris Mick (Fr.)
RG 72 Jonathan Alston (Jr.)	69 Stephen Sene (Fr.)
RT 70 Na'shan Goddard (So.)	52 Jeff Barnes (Sr.)
TE 49 Hart Turner (Sr.)	80 Andy Boyd (So.)
QB 5 Dondrial Pinkins (Jr.)	7 Michael Rathe (Jr.)
TB 22 Kenny Irons (So.)	20 Daccus Turman (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 99 George Gause (Jr.)	59 James Scott (So.)
DT 57 Darrell Shropshire (Jr.)	65 Fran Person (So.)
NG 94 Preston Thorne (Jr.)	43 Brandon Schweitzer (So.)
DE 91 Moe Thompson (So.)	90 Jason Capers (Jr.)
LB 42 Ricardo Hurley (So.)	44 Marcus Lawrence (Jr.)
LB 48 Lance Laury (So.)	51 Orus Lambert (So.)
LB 33 Jeremiah Garrison (Sr.)	10 Darel Slay (Sr.)
CB 32 Dunta Robinson (Sr.)	18 Rachiem Monroe (Jr.)
CB 8 Ted Crawford (Sr.)	28 Deandre' Eiland (Sr.)
SS 16 Jamaica Jackson (Jr.)	27 Fred Bennett (Fr.)
FS 11 Rod Wilson (Jr.)	6 Jermaine Harris (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 97 Daniel Weaver (Sr.)
P 87 Josh Brown (So.)
KR 15 Matthew Thomas (Jr.)
PR 15 Matthew Thomas (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dondrial Pinkins, 32-65-431-4, 2 TDs
Rushing: Kenny Irons, 47 car., 201 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Troy Williamson, 17 rec., 491 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Lance Laury, 90, 55 solo
Sacks: George Gause, 4
Interceptions: Dunta Robinson, 4 for 63 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 UL-Lafayette	W
S. 6 Virginia	L
S. 13 at Georgia	L
S. 20 UAB	W
S. 27 at Tennessee	L
O. 11 Kentucky	*
O. 18 LSU	L
O. 25 Vanderbilt	W
N. 1 at Ole Miss	L
N. 8 at Arkansas	L
N. 15 Florida	L
N. 22 Clemson	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 New Mexico St.	W	34-24
S. 7 at Virginia	L	21-34
S. 14 Georgia	L	7-13
S. 21 Temple	W	42-21
S. 28 at Vanderbilt	W	20-14
O. 5 Mississippi State	W	34-10
O. 12 at Kentucky	W	16-12
O. 19 at LSU	L	14-38
N. 2 Tennessee	L	10-24
N. 9 Arkansas	L	0-23
N. 16 at Florida	L	7-28
N. 23 at Clemson	L	20-27

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.8 ppg	107
Rushing	167.0 ypg	45
Passing	151.8 ypg	103
Total	318.8 ypg	103
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	34
Rushing	164.5 ypg	71
Passing	186.9 ypg	27
Total	351.4 ypg	44
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	76

Head Coach: Lou Holtz

2002 Record (SEC): 5-7 (3-5)

Georgia Tech yellow jackets

Offense

Georgia Tech entered last fall with major question marks at both quarterback and tailback, and those concerns remain. Senior A.J. Suggs proved he wasn't the answer at quarterback. His disappointing play prompted coach Chan Gailey to re-open the battle for the starting job. Redshirt sophomore Damarius Bilbo has all the physical tools but never fully grasped things last fall. He will, however, be given every opportunity to win the job.

A year ago, nobody knew what to expect of Tony Hollings, the converted safety who had moved to tailback. Hollings was better than anybody might have ever dreamed. He was leading the nation in rushing (158.3 ypg) and ranked second in scoring (16.5 ppg.) before tearing the ACL and lateral meniscus in his knee against BYU. Hollings is said to be ahead of schedule in his rehabilitation and is poised to return to the field when the team gathers in August. When and if he can return to previous form is the million-dollar question.

Senior receiver Jonathan Smith has the potential to be a good one, but nagging injuries and a tendency to take plays off from time to time have limited his effectiveness.

Senior center Hugh Reilly and behemoths Nat Dorsey and Leon Robinson will anchor what should be a solid offensive line. Depth, however, could be a concern up front.

Defense

Defense has been a strength of the Yellow Jackets in recent years, and there is no reason that should change in 2003. Defensive end Tony Hargrove and stud linebackers Daryl

Smith and Keyaron Fox highlight a veteran unit. With a unique blend of size and tremendous speed, Hargrove could be poised for a big year. Smith and Fox come with great football instincts and have the attention of NFL scouts.

Senior defensive end Greg Gathers is back after missing most of last season to battle a kidney disorder. The school's career leader in both sacks (31) and tackles for a loss (57), Gathers was not medically cleared to take part in the full-contact part of spring practices, but he could contribute this fall in the role of a pass-rushing specialist.

Question marks abound in the secondary, where Tech has to replace three of four starters.

Specialists

The loss of All-ACC kicker Luke Manget and punters Dan Dyke and Chris Morehouse could be problematic. Manget's backup the last three seasons, senior Dan Burnett, will inherit the kicking chores. Gailey opted not to sign a scholarship punter this spring. Walk-ons Hal Higgins and Andy Thomson took most of the reps in the spring, but freshman Travis Bell, a preferred walk-on, could ultimately win the job.

Final Analysis

Now in his second year at the Flats, Gailey took a lot of heat in the off-season after his team limped to the finish line last fall. A rugged schedule, especially early on, won't make things any easier. Hollings will have to return to form in a hurry and Gailey and his staff will need to coax better production from the quarterbacks. If not, this could be a long season. Defensively, Tech should be solid, particularly among its front seven. That group will have to play well and consistently pressure opposing quarterbacks because it has an inexperienced secondary playing behind it. The Jackets' school-record string of six consecutive bowl game appearances could come to an end this fall in an improved ACC.

ACC Prediction: 7th

National Forecast: #65



Tony Hollings

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 80	Xavier McGuire (Fr.)	7	Levon Thomas (Jr.)
WR 21	Jonathan Smith (Sr.)	5	Nate Curry (Jr.)
LT 70	Nat Dorsey (Jr.)	95	Reggie Koon (Sr.)
LG 74	Leon Robinson (Jr.)	65	Andy Tidwell-Neal (Jr.)
C 67	Hugh Reilly (Sr.)	62	Clay Hartley (Sr.)
RG 72	Brad Honeycutt (So.)	73	Zeb McHargue (Fr.)
RT 77	Kyle Wallace (Jr.)	75	Jeremy Phillips (Jr.)
TE 89	John Paul Foschi (Sr.)	83	Darius Williams (Jr.)
QB 8	Damarius Bilbo (So.)	17	A.J. Suggs (Sr.)
FB 47	Jimmy Dixon (Jr.)	46	Brian Johnson (So.)
TB 24	Tony Hollings (Sr.)	35	Ajenavi Eziemefie (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 55	Greg Gathers (Sr.)	56	Eric Henderson (So.)
DT 94	Travis Parker (So.)	99	Omar Billy (So.)
DT 92	Alfred Malone (Jr.)	98	Brad Brezina (Fr.)
DE 44	Tony Hargrove (Jr.)	93	Terron Pullen (Fr.)
LB 16	Kingi McNair (Fr.)	57	Tabugbo Anyansi (Jr.)
LB 51	Daryl Smith (Sr.)	43	Ather Brown (Sr.)
LB 54	Keyaron Fox (Sr.)	49	Gerris Wilkinson (So.)
CB 26	Reuben Houston (So.)	25	Dennis Davis (Jr.)
CB 23	Jonathan Cox (Sr.)	37	Venice Gilliam (So.)
FS 22	James Butler (Jr.)	15	Nathan Burton (Jr.)
SS 14	Dawan Landry (So.)	18	Chris Reis (So.)

Special Teams

K	40 Dan Burnett (Sr.)
P	13 Hal Higgins (Sr.)
KR	45 P.J. Daniels (So.)
PR	21 Jonathan Smith (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	A.J. Suggs, 208-363-2,242-15, 12 TDs
Rushing:	Tony Hollings, 92 car., 633 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving:	Jonathan Smith, 36 rec., 430 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Daryl Smith, 99, 43 solo
Sacks:	Daryl Smith, 5, Eric Henderson, 5
Interceptions:	4 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

633 Former defensive back Tony Hollings rushed for 633 yards in his first four games last fall. He blew out his right knee against BYU and missed the rest of the season.

2003 Schedule

A. 28	at BYU	L
S. 6	Auburn	L
S. 13	at Florida State	L
S. 20	Clemson	*
S. 27	at Vanderbilt	W
O. 4	NC State	L
O. 11	at Wake Forest	L
O. 23	Maryland	L
N. 8	at Duke	*
N. 15	North Carolina	W
N. 22	at Virginia	L
N. 29	Georgia	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Vanderbilt	W	45-3
S. 7	at Connecticut	W	31-14
S. 14	at Clemson	L	19-24
S. 21	BYU	W	28-19
S. 28	at North Carolina	W	21-13
O. 5	Wake Forest	L	21-24
O. 17	at Maryland	L	10-34
O. 26	Virginia	W	23-15
N. 2	at NC State	W	24-17
N. 9	Florida State	L	13-21
N. 16	Duke	W	17-2
N. 30	at Georgia	L	7-51
D. 31	#Fresno State	L	21-30
	#Silicon Valley Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5 ppg	94
Rushing	163.6 ypg	48
Passing	211.1 ypg	61
Total	374.7 ypg	57
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.5 ppg	27
Rushing	134.6 ypg	42
Passing	221.1 ypg	64
Total	355.7 ypg	50
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.62	88

Head Coach: Chan Gailey

2002 Record (ACC): 7-6 (4-4)

Memphis tigers

Offense

Junior Danny Wimprine gives the Tigers one of the most productive returning quarterbacks in the conference. Wimprine passed for 2,820 yards and 23 touchdowns last season, breaking school marks in both categories. But he was intercepted 18 times and struggled on several occasions during crucial late-game situations. If he can become more effective in the final stages of the fourth quarter, the strong-armed Wimprine will give the Tigers an opportunity to end a string of eight straight losing seasons.

The Tiger backfield should be stronger with the return of DeAngelo Williams, one of the league's top freshmen a year ago, and the debut of LSU transfer Derron Parquet.

While there may not be an all-league receiver on the roster, 6'4" senior Tavares Gideon is a playmaker, and senior Darren Garcia could emerge as a big-play target. Gideon lacks speed but uses his size and strength to manhandle defensive backs. He also makes yards after the catch. Maurice Avery, a quarterback last season, moves to wideout and is expected to be a dependable target.

The biggest area of concern for the Tiger offense will be an inexperienced offensive line. Only one starter returns — left guard Andrew Handy.

Defense

Tommy West doesn't mince words about the off-season addition of defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn. "It is the most significant hire I've made in my coaching career," West says.

Dunn, who has also been the defensive coordinator at Ole Miss and Arkansas, came to Memphis from Mississippi State and is begin-

ning his second stint at Memphis. He previously served as defensive coordinator in the early 1990s.

The most experienced group Dunn will work with is a linebacking corps that includes All-Conference USA candidate Derrick Ballard and former walk-on Greg Harper, a senior who is a consistent playmaker. Ballard is as capable of making the big hit as he is snatching an interception at point-blank range.

If former Alabama defensive lineman Albert Means becomes academically eligible, the Tigers will boast a formidable front. Means, who sat out last season to concentrate on academics, consistently drew double teams two years ago. Willie Henderson, a 6'7", 350-pound redshirt freshman was switched to the offensive line in the spring, but he may move back to defense in the fall.

While the linebackers have the upper hand in experience, the secondary may have the edge in potential. Free safety O.C. Collins is coming off a stellar freshman season.

Specialists

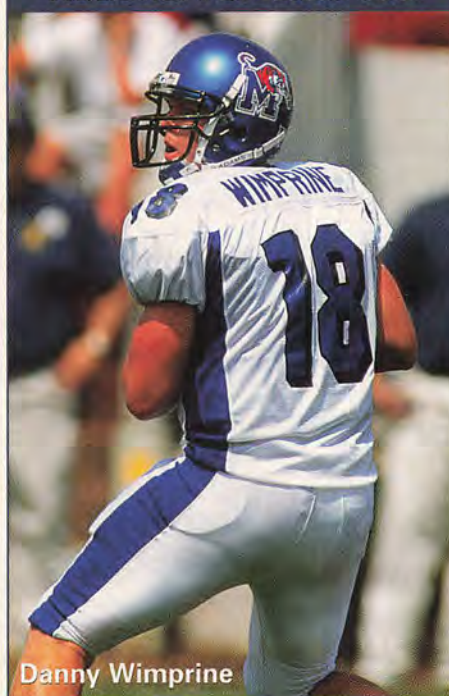
The team's woeful punting situation was addressed with the spring signing of junior college standout Brandon Roberson. Stephen Gostkowski, who came to Memphis on a baseball scholarship, earned a football scholarship by winning the kicking job last fall. He was 9-of-12 last season between 30 and 50 yards.

Final Analysis

West's defense will be in the capable of hands of Dunn and could cause problems for C-USA teams. If a young offensive line matures in a hurry, the spread offense has enough weapons in Wimprine, Williams, Gideon and Garcia to put points on the scoreboard. The Tigers also will be aided by the signing of a punter, giving them a chance to win field position. If all goes right, Memphis could compete for an elusive bowl bid.

C-USA Prediction: 5th

National Forecast: #66



Danny Wimprine

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 21 Tavares Gideon (Sr.)	28 Darron White (Jr.)
WR 1 Maurice Avery (So.)	13 LaDarius Price (Jr.)
WR 16 Darren Garcia (Sr.)	80 Von Webb (Jr.)
LT 53 Jeremy Rone (Jr.)	54 Willie Henderson (Fr.)
LG 75 Andrew Handy (Jr.)	63 Blake Butler (Fr.)
C 76 Gene Frederic (Jr.)	74 Bobby Garafolo (Jr.)
RG 78 Jason Matthews (Jr.)	63 Blake Butler (Fr.)
RT 71 Jason Johnson (Jr.)	73 David Davis (Jr.)
TE 82 John Doucette (So.)	9 LaKendus Cole (Fr.)
QB 18 Danny Wimprine (Jr.)	11 Bobby Robison (Jr.)
TB 20 DeAngelo Williams (So.)	3 Derron Parquet (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 43 Marcus West (So.)	93 Haracio Colen (Fr.)
DT 77 Albert Means (Jr.)	79 Kenyun Glover (Jr.)
DT 50 Eric Taylor (Sr.)	72 Greg Billingslea (So.)
DE 91 Treveco Lucas (Sr.)	51 LaVale Washington (So.)
WLB44 Derrick Ballard (Sr.)	41 Tim Goodwell (So.)
MLB27 Shaka Hill (Sr.)	37 Coot Terry (Sr.)
SLB 42 Greg Harper (Sr.)	34 Robert Douglas (Jr.)
CB 7 Cameron Essex (Jr.)	9 Tristan Thomas (Jr.)
CB Lee Hayes (Sr.)	39 Olen Whitely (Fr.)
FS 40 O.C. Collins (So.)	45 Wesley Smith (Fr.)
ROV 8 Scott Vogel (Jr.)	29 Lionel Pieh (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 32 Stephen Gostkowski (So.)
P Brandon Roberson (Jr.)
KR 20 DeAngelo Williams (So.)
PR 28 Darron White (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Danny Wimprine, 235-435-2,820-18, 23 TDs
Rushing:	De Angelo Williams, 103 car., 684 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Tavares Gideon, 42 rec., 466 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles:	Derrick Ballard, 101, 76 solo
Sacks:	Treveco Lucas, 4
Interceptions:	O.C. Collins, 3 for 83 yds., Derrick Ballard, 3 for 15 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

0-13 Memphis is 0-13 against teams from the Southeastern Conference since upsetting sixth-ranked Tennessee, 21-17, in 1996.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Tennessee Tech	W
S. 6 Ole Miss	L
S. 13 at Southern Miss	L
S. 27 Arkansas State	W
O. 4 UAB	W
O. 11 at Miss. State	*
O. 18 at Houston	W
O. 25 at Tulane	*
N. 1 East Carolina	W
N. 15 at Louisville	*
N. 22 Cincinnati	*
N. 29 South Florida	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Murray State	W 52-6
S. 7 at Ole Miss	L 16-38
S. 14 at Southern Miss	L 14-33
S. 21 Tulane	W 38-10
S. 28 at UAB	L 17-31
O. 8 Louisville	L 32-38
O. 19 Miss. State	L 17-29
O. 26 at Cincinnati	L 10-48
N. 2 Houston	L 21-26
N. 9 at South Florida	L 28-31
N. 23 Army	W 38-10
N. 30 at TCU	L 20-27

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	72
Rushing	115.8 ypg	95
Passing	239.0 ypg	42
Total	354.8 ypg	82
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	67
Rushing	197.1 ypg	101
Passing	165.8 ypg	9
Total	362.8 ypg	56
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.17	105

Head Coach: Tommy West

2002 Record (C-USA): 3-9 (2-6)

Miami

redhawks

Offense

The RedHawks' attack is run by one of the more underrated quarterbacks in the nation. Junior Ben Roethlisberger is coming off a banner season in which he completed 63.3 percent of his passes, threw for 3,238 yards and threw twice as many touchdowns (22) as interceptions (11).

Luke Clemens, who gained 1,009 yards on a 4.5-yard average, and Cal Murray are the only experienced tailbacks, but that shouldn't be much of an issue behind an experienced and big offensive line. Right tackle Jacob Bell, left guard Frank Smith and left tackle Ben Herrell headline a group that averages 6'6", 295 pounds.

The wide receivers won't be as deep as last year's unit that featured 10 players with at least 10 receptions. But that doesn't mean they won't be as talented. Mike Larkin should increase his numbers of 39 catches and 436 yards. And the coaching staff is expecting big things from Andre Henderson, a transfer from Purdue who will have two years of eligibility at Miami.

Defense

Any hopes of Miami reaching the MAC title game will be squashed if the defense doesn't improve.

Miami allowed 103 points in the fourth quarter and an average 27.1 points per game last fall. That led to the hiring of a new defensive coordinator in Pat Narduzzi. The former Northern Illinois linebackers coach has already put his stamp on the defense: Miami will play more zone defense and apply pressure by blitzing more often.

"We have all the tools we need to play good

defense," Narduzzi says.

Middle linebacker Terrell Jones, end Phil Smith and strong safety Matt Pusateri are the big names. The secondary was toasted for far too many big plays, but this unit should be much improved in 2003. Speedy cornerbacks Alphonso Hodge and Darrell Hunter will be an upgrade.

"We have a lot of talent and the results we got this spring, especially from the young guys, was a confidence builder," says MU head coach Terry Hoepfner.

Specialists

Kicker Jared Parseghian has started to make a name for himself. Parseghian, the great-nephew of former Miami and Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian, made all 14 of his field goal attempts last season. If punter Mike Wafzig falters, the RedHawks can rely on Roethlisberger, who averaged 43.8 yards on 11 punt attempts.

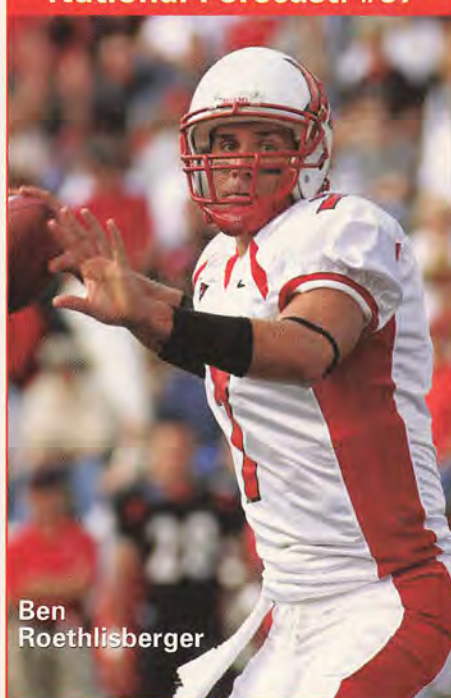
Final Analysis

Miami will face a big-time schedule that features four 2002 bowl teams. The RedHawks open with road games at Big Ten members Iowa and Northwestern before traveling to Fort Collins to face Colorado State. Miami doesn't have its first home game until Sept. 27, when Cincinnati comes to town.

"I know that our coaches and players are both charged and ready for the challenges that lie ahead," Hoepfner says.

The RedHawks will need to be ready if they plan to better their 7-5 mark of a year ago. This team has the talent to contend in the tough MAC East, but the new-look defense must come through. The unit is talented but will need to pick up the nuances of a new scheme. If the defense can adjust quickly and produce big plays and score off turnovers, Miami might be in line for a trip to the MAC Championship Game.

MAC East Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #67



Ben Roethlisberger

Miami (Ohio) SID

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 88	Korey Kirkpatrick (Sr.)	15	Martin Nance (So.)
WR 6	Mike Larkin (Jr.)	82	R.J. Corbin (Fr.)
WR 82	Andre Henderson (Jr.)	2	Mike Iriti (Jr.)
LT 71	Ben Herrell (Sr.)	75	Mark Kracium (So.)
LG 54	Frank Smith (Sr.)	60	Dan Kosta (Sr.)
C 62	Todd Londot (So.)	66	Joe Serina (Sr.)
RG 79	Nate Bunce (So.)	77	Chris Fessel (So.)
RT 74	Jacob Bell (Sr.)	70	Ryan Meyer (So.)
TE 87	Matt Brandt (Sr.)	90	Geoff Robinson (Sr.)
QB 7	Ben Roethlisberger (Jr.)	8	Josh Betts (So.)
TB 11	Luke Clemens (Sr.)	43	Cal Murray (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE 57	Phil Smith (Sr.)	99	Mike Barz (So.)
DT 52	Will Rueff (Jr.)	65	John Glavin (So.)
DT 91	Larry Burt (Jr.)	93	Marcus Johnson (So.)
DE 44	Jarrod Rich (So.)	49	Will Stanley (Sr.)
OLB 12	John Busing (So.)	54	David Hutzelman (So.)
MLB 3	Terrell Jones (Sr.)	38	Derek Rehage (So.)
OLB 32	Terna Nande (So.)	98	Matt Cohen (So.)
CB 28	Darrell Hunter (So.)	22	Ryan Sprague (Sr.)
CB 9	Alphonso Hodge (Jr.)	21	Ryan Redd (So.)
SS 19	Matt Pusateri (Jr.)	20	Bryan Tyson (So.)
FS 38	Steve Burke (So.)	23	Joey Card (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	26	Jared Parseghian (Jr.)
P	16	Mike Wafzig (Jr.)
KR	88	Korey Kirkpatrick (Sr.)
PR	28	Darrell Hunter (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Ben Roethlisberger, 271-428-3,238-11, 22 TDs
Rushing: Luke Clemens, 223 car., 1,009 yds., 16 TDs
Receiving: Mike Larkin, 39 rec., 436 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles: Matt Pusateri, 124, 85 solo
Sacks: Phil Smith, 5
Interceptions: Ryan Sprague, 2 for 11 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

231 Miami has 231 MAC wins since joining the league in 1948, the most in conference history.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Iowa	L
S. 13	at Northwestern	W
S. 20	at Colorado State	L
S. 27	Cincinnati	*
O. 4	Akron	W
O. 11	Buffalo	W
O. 18	at Ball State	W
O. 25	at Kent State	W
N. 4	Bowling Green	*
N. 12	Marshall	*
N. 22	at Ohio	W
N. 28	at UCF	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	at N. Carolina	W	27-21
S. 7	Iowa	L	24-29
S. 14	at LSU	L	7-33
S. 21	Kent State	W	27-20
S. 28	at Akron	W	48-31
O. 5	at Cincinnati	W	31-26
O. 12	Northern Illinois	L	41-48
O. 19	at Buffalo	W	49-0
O. 26	at Toledo	W	27-13
N. 2	Ohio	W	38-20
N. 12	at Marshall	L	34-36
N. 23	UCF	L	31-48

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.0 ppg	25
Rushing	127.7 ypg	80
Passing	277.6 ypg	19
Total	405.3 ypg	26
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.1 ppg	66
Rushing	139.7 ypg	44
Passing	273.0 ypg	109
Total	412.7 ypg	96
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	30

Head Coach: Terry Hoepfner

2002 Record (MAC): 7-5 (5-3)

California

golden bears

Offense

After four years of Kyle Boller, Cal's search for a new starting quarterback might be the key to the season. The only quarterback with experience is junior Reggie Robertson, who played in six games (including two starts as a freshman) over the past two seasons. Robertson was in a battle with sophomore Richard Schwartz in the spring, but the starting assignment might go to junior college transfer Aaron Rodgers, who will have to learn the Bears' offense in pre-season camp.

"It would be very difficult to play a quarterback in this system without a lot of repetitions," says second-year coach Jeff Tedford. "But Aaron is very smart. We feel very good about him."

The starting tailback job is also in question. If completely healthy, senior Adimchinobe Echemandu is the likely candidate. He missed the entire 2002 season after blowing out his knee in a late-spring scrimmage. If Echemandu doesn't win the job, redshirt freshman Marcus O'Keith, Cal's marquee signee in 2002, appears ready to make his move.

Cal has plenty of experience at wide receiver, but with the exception of incoming freshmen, little speed. Leading the group is senior Jonathan Makonnen, a gifted possession receiver who led the Bears with 54 catches in 2002.

Three starters return on the offensive line, including tackle Mark Wilson, who will be starting for the fourth straight season.

Defense

Coordinator Bob Gregory has major work to do on a defense that returns just two players who started more than half of the Bears' games

last fall. Cal's interior line appears to be in the good hands of tackle Lorenzo Alexander, an honorable mention all-conference pick in 2002, and either Josh Beckham or Tom Sverchek, who combined for seven starts last fall. However, the Bears have issues at end after losing their top four players to graduation.

Cal suffered significant losses at linebacker, but change might be a good thing. A steady group has given way to a quicker, more athletic set of linebackers. Outside backer Wendell Hunter came into his own last season with 43 tackles and was pushing for a starting assignment at the end of the 2002 season.

Sophomore rover Donnie McCleskey took over the starting role midway through the season and averaged 5.4 tackles in his seven starts.

Specialists

Senior punter Tyler Fredrickson would like to pull double duty but has yet to placekick in a college game. As insurance, Tedford signed Lucas Everett from Sierra (Calif.) College to compete for both jobs.

Replacing Powell as the punt returner and LaShaun Ward as the kickoff returner might be even more difficult. Tim Mixon leads the candidates for punt return duties while the kickoff return position is wide open.

Final Analysis

Two major things need to happen for Cal to approach its 7-5 record from a year ago. First, many of the 10 junior college transfers will have to earn starting spots immediately and play well at a much higher level of competition. Second, the Bears need a couple of players on each side of the ball to develop into all-conference type talents.

Still, this Cal team is too inexperienced and the schedule is too tough to expect much in 2003. The Bears might take a step back in the second year of the Jeff Tedford era, but this is clearly a program on the rise.

Pac-10 Prediction: 8th
National Forecast: #68



Mark Wilson

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 5 Jonathan Makonnen (Sr.)	89 Randy Bundy (Fr.)
WR 6 Geoff McArthur (Jr.)	85 Vincent Strang (Sr.)
LT 63 Mark Wilson (Sr.)	71 Andrew Cameron (Fr.)
LG 55 Jonathan Giesel (Jr.)	75 Erik Robertson (Fr.)
C 74 Nolan Bluntzer (Sr.)	54 Marvin Philip (So.)
RG 70 David Hays (Sr.)	61 Ryan O'Callaghan (So.)
RT 78 Chris Murphy (Sr.)	66 Paul Fraley (Fr.)
TE Garrett Cross (Jr.)	11 Brandon Hall (Sr.)
QB 17 Reggie Robertson (Jr.)	14 Richard Schwartz (So.)
FB 27 Chris Manderino (So.)	38 Byron Storer (Fr.)
TB 18 A. Echemandu (Sr.)	2 Marcus O'Keith (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 94 Toshi Lupoi (Jr.)	99 L.P. Ladouceur (Jr.)
DT 76 Lorenzo Alexander (Jr.)	74 Brandon Povio (So.)
NT 72 Tom Sverchek (Jr.)	57 Josh Beckham (Sr.)
DE 91 Monte Parson (Sr.)	99 L.P. Ladouceur (Jr.)
OLB 40 Wendell Hunter (Jr.)	9 Joe Maningo (Jr.)
MLB 58 Brian Tremblay (Jr.)	46 Jaylon DeBruin (So.)
OLB 42 Ryan Estes (So.)	59 Sid Slater (Jr.)
CB 3 James Bethea (Sr.)	6 Wale Forrester (So.)
CB 22 Tim Mixon (Fr.)	11 Harrison Smith (So.)
FS 23 Ryan Gutierrez (Jr.)	20 Matt Giordano (Jr.)
ROV 21 Donnie McCleskey (So.)	25 Mike McGrath (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 16 Tyler Fredrickson (Sr.)
P 16 Tyler Fredrickson (Sr.)
KR 21 Donnie McCleskey (So.)
PR 22 Tim Mixon (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Reggie Robertson, 2-2-64-0, 1 TD
Rushing:	Terrell Williams, 37 car., 139 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Jonathan Makonnen, 54 rec., 682 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Donnie McCleskey, 45, 38 solo
Sacks:	Josh Beckham, 3
Interceptions:	James Bethea, 4 for 48 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

7.2 Cal's five defeats in 2002 were by an average of 7.2 points. The Bears lost two games by two points, one game by 10 points and two games by 11 points.

2003 Schedule

A. 23 #Kansas State	L
A. 30 Southern Miss	L
S. 6 Colorado State	L
S. 13 at Utah	*
S. 20 at Illinois	L
S. 27 USC	L
O. 4 Oregon State	L
O. 18 at UCLA	L
O. 25 Arizona	*
N. 1 at Arizona State	L
N. 8 at Oregon	L
N. 15 Washington	L
N. 22 at Stanford	*

#BCA Classic, Kansas City, Mo.

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Baylor	W	70-22
S. 7 New Mexico St.	W	34-13
S. 14 at Michigan St.	W	46-22
S. 21 Air Force	L	21-23
S. 28 Washington St.	L	38-48
O. 5 at Washington	W	34-27
O. 12 at USC	L	28-30
O. 19 UCLA	W	17-12
O. 26 at Oregon St.	L	13-24
N. 9 at Arizona St.	W	55-38
N. 16 Arizona	L	41-52
N. 23 Stanford	W	30-7

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	35.6 ppg	10
Rushing	108.0 ypg	102
Passing	247.6 ypg	36
Total	355.6 ypg	81
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	26.5 ppg	61
Rushing	114.0 ypg	19
Passing	278.8 ypg	112
Total	392.8 ypg	75
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
+18	+1.50	3

Head Coach: Jeff Tedford

2002 Record (Pac-10): 7-5 (4-4)

Utah utes

Offense

Brett Elliott took over Utah's quarterback position in the middle of last season, going 3-3 as a starter. He completed 58.8 percent of his passes for 1,529 yards and 10 touchdowns. All that earned him was a chance to compete for the job again with senior Lance Rice and sophomore Alex Smith. New coach Urban Meyer is leaving the starting position open until after the start of practice in August.

Based on the way he finished last season, running back Brandon Warfield ordinarily would be a preseason all-conference choice. He rushed for 194 yards in the finale against BYU. Yet with Marty Johnson returning from a knee injury, Warfield is not likely to have the same opportunities. Johnson rushed for 405 yards in Utah's first two games and is a punishing runner who gains many of his yards after contact.

Receiver is an area of concern, because the Utes lost their top three pass-catchers and need three or four receivers in their standard alignment. The top returnee is junior Travis LaTendresse, who caught 21 passes for 195 yards. As those numbers indicate, he's dependable for short routes. Paris Warren, a junior who transferred from Oregon, and redshirt freshman Steven Savoy have more speed and will be counted on to stretch defenses.

Ben Moa, who caught 14 passes, will be used as both a tight end and receiver. The Utes lost Outland Trophy finalist Jordan Gross, yet they have the makings of a strong line. Thomas Herrion became a starter for the last three games of 2002, and now he moves into Gross' vacancy at left tackle. Sean Souza started the first eight games at right tackle before Herrion

took over. Guard Chris Kemoeatu missed most of spring drills with a kidney infection, but is pegged as Utah's next outstanding lineman.

Defense

Utah led the conference in total defense (332.1) and scoring defense (20.5) and should have another dominating group. That's particularly true up front, where end Jason Kaufusi already ranks in the school's top five for career tackles for a loss (38.5) and sacks (19). The other end, Josh Savage, is also big and athletic. Utah had planned to redshirt Ray Holdcraft in his first season after transferring from junior college but summoned him after four games and plugged him in at middle linebacker. Corey Dodds is unproven at stud linebacker, but defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham calls him "physically solid." Whittingham is eager to watch the development of sophomore rover Spencer Toone.

Cornerback is an area of concern, after Arnold Parker struggled in his transition from safety last season. Strong safety Dave Revill missed most of the spring with a back injury, but he's a proven force.

Specialists

Placekicking problems cost McBride's teams several close games in recent years, and Meyer will have to hope for more consistency from sophomore Bryan Borreson or junior Ford Hall.

Final Analysis

The start of the season means everything to the Utes, as they try to capitalize both on last season's strong finish and on the new energy generated by Meyer and his staff. The defense will be dependable, so the variable is how well the chosen quarterback and his young receivers adapt to the new offensive scheme.

Utah's challenge is to win its share of close games, which Ron McBride's teams didn't do.

17 Ron McBride was fired by Utah after winning 17 games in his last three seasons. Urban Meyer, the Utes' new coach, won 17 games in two years at Bowling Green.

MWC Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #69



Brandon Warfield

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 86 Steven Savoy (Fr.)	13 Lynzell Jackson (Jr.)
WR 82 Paris Warren (Jr.)	4 Jerome Wright (Jr.)
WR 15 Larry Miles (Sr.)	88 Travis LaTendresse (Jr.)
LT 76 Thomas Herrion (Sr.)	78 Tavo Tupola (Fr.)
LG 68 Chris Kemoeatu (Jr.)	75 Eric Pettit (Fr.)
C 57 Max Petersen (Jr.)	55 Andrew Johnson (So.)
RG 79 Jesse Boone (So.)	77 Siuaki Livi (So.)
RT 62 Sean Souza (Sr.)	70 Makai Aalona (Jr.)
TE 89 Matt Hansen (Sr.)	10 Ben Moa (Sr.)
QB 3 Brett Elliott (Jr.)	16 Lance Rice (Sr.)
TB 5 Brandon Warfield (Sr.)	1 Marty Johnson (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE 44 Josh Savage (Sr.)	98 Jason Voss (Fr.)
NG 94 Steve Fifita (So.)	96 Tevita Kemoeatu (Jr.)
DT 90 Sione Pouha (Jr.)	99 Lewis Powell (Sr.)
DE 86 Jason Kaufusi (Sr.)	55 Marquess Ledbetter (So.)
LB 93 Corey Dodds (Jr.)	38 Aaron Bryant (Sr.)
LB 6 Ray Holdcraft (Sr.)	13 Zach Tune (Jr.)
ROV 49 Spencer Toone (So.)	5 Steven Thompson (So.)
CB 22 Bo Nagahi (Jr.)	2 Antonio Young (So.)
CB 17 Arnold Parker (Sr.)	21 Shaun Harper (Fr.)
FS 25 Morgan Scalley (Jr.)	41 Grady Marshall (So.)
SS 35 Dave Revill (Sr.)	11 Kawika Casco (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 23 Ford Hall (Jr.)
P 19 Matt Kovacevich (Jr.)
KR 22 Bo Nagahi (Jr.)
PR 25 Morgan Scalley (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Brett Elliott, 130-221-1,529-8, 10 TDs
Rushing:	Brandon Warfield, 201 car., 919 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Travis LaTendresse, 21 rec., 195 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Dave Revill, 89, 58 solo
Sacks:	Josh Savage, 5.5
Interceptions:	4 tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 28 Utah State	W
S. 6 at Texas A&M	L
S. 11 California	*
S. 27 at Colorado State	L
O. 3 Oregon	L
O. 11 San Diego State	W
O. 18 at UNLV	*
O. 25 New Mexico	L
N. 1 at Air Force	L
N. 15 Wyoming	W
N. 22 at BYU	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Utah State	W 23-3
S. 7 Indiana	W 40-13
S. 14 at Arizona	L 17-23
S. 21 at Michigan	L 7-10
S. 28 Air Force	L 26-30
O. 12 at San Diego St.	L 17-36
O. 19 Colorado State	L 20-28
O. 26 at New Mexico	L 35-42
N. 9 UNLV	W 28-17
N. 16 at Wyoming	W 23-18
N. 23 BYU	W 13-6

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.6 ppg	89
Rushing	163.9 ypg	47
Passing	208.3 ypg	64
Total	372.2 ypg	63
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.5 ppg	29
Rushing	104.8 ypg	12
Passing	227.3 ypg	74
Total	332.1 ypg	29
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.09	70

Head Coach: Urban Meyer

2002 Record (MWC): 5-6 (3-4)

Cincinnati bearcats

Offense

Junior quarterback Gino Guidugli returns to lead the offense in 2003. Guidugli earned second-team All-Conference USA honors last year after passing for 3,543 yards, but his season ended on a sour note when he tossed five interceptions in UC's 24-19 loss to North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl.

Guidugli will be throwing to a new corps of wide receivers, and two of his targets could be true freshmen Mike Daniels and Bill Poland. Daniels is only 5'7", but he's very dangerous with the ball in his hands. He'll also be used on punt returns and could even take some snaps around center.

Richard Hall assumes the role of starting running back, and he has three offensive linemen returning to help pave the way. Hall, a transfer from Ohio State, scored three touchdowns and averaged 4.5 yards per carry in limited duty last fall.

UC can also turn to Terry Arnold, a highly touted true freshman tailback from Tallahassee, Fla. "I really don't know to what extreme the upper three schools down there (Miami, Florida and Florida State) really wanted or took a hard look (at Arnold)," Minter says. "We did slip down there and got him and feel very good about him."

Defense

Two players will anchor the Bearcat defense this year: end Trent Cole and linebacker Jamar Enzor. Cole (87 tackles, five sacks) moves to the outside after starting at tackle last season. With the loss of two-time all-conference pick Antwan Peek, Cole needs to elevate his play a notch — and he needs to bring his teammates with him.

3 Rick Minter needs just three wins to pass Sid Gilliam as the winningest coach in Cincinnati history. Minter has a 48-56-1 record in nine seasons.

Enzor is expected to take over at middle line-backer after recording 91 tackles and 4.5 sacks in a reserve role. Tyjuan Hagler, a returning starter who contributed 18 tackles for a loss, should retain his strong-side spot. The other position is wide open; look for Jason Russell and Akanni Turner to fight it out.

The secondary welcomes back two quality starters in junior Doug Monaghan (strong safety) and senior Zach Norton (cornerback). Monaghan followed up his 101-tackle freshman season in 2001 with 88 stops last year. Norton is the best pass defender on the team. He had two interceptions and 17 pass break-ups last fall.

Specialists

It's no secret that losing Jonathan Ruffin will hurt Cincinnati, but Minter has confidence that punter Chet Ervin (38.0 yard-average in 2002) can handle both tasks.

"When we recruited Chet, I think he would claim his first love as the placement duties," Minter says. "But he needed to punt for us because of Ruffin and did a solid job."

Junior Kyle McDaniel is next in line to kick if Ervin can't handle both roles.

Final Analysis

Cincinnati has the talent to contend for another conference title, but getting that skill to play up to its potential will be the Bearcats' biggest challenge.

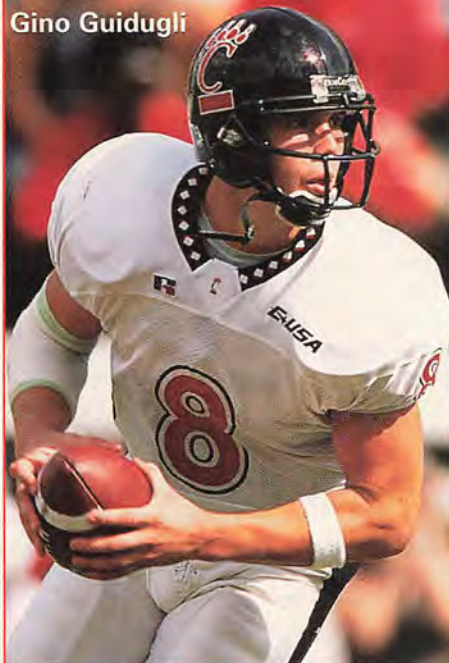
The new receivers need to adapt quickly, make some big plays and develop some consistency. And the running game must be able to move the ball on the ground while the passing attack develops.

There will be pressure on the defense to play well early while the young offense matures.

If Guidugli relaxes and doesn't try to carry the weight of the program on his back, the Bearcats could be playing in a bowl game for the fourth straight season.

C-USA Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #70

Gino Guidugli



Courtland Richards

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	Bill Poland (Fr.)	22	Derick Ross (So.)
WR	7 George Murray (Jr.)	80	Jeff Henderson (Jr.)
WR	Mike Daniels (Fr.)	19	Kevin Hazel (Jr.)
LT	77 Clint Stickdon (Jr.)	69	Jeremy Schlicher (Jr.)
LG	75 Kyle Takavitz (Jr.)	65	Matt Mercer (Jr.)
C	66 Josh Shneyderov (Sr.)	74	Joel Yakovac (So.)
RG	68 Travis McGee (Sr.)	79	Adam Shorter (Jr.)
RT	76 Anthony Colton (Sr.)	71	Steve Eastlake (Jr.)
TE	89 A.J. Lucius (Jr.)	83	Dennis Hart (Sr.)
QB	8 Gino Guidugli (Jr.)	11	Billy Faulkner (Fr.)
RB	24 Richard Hall (Jr.)	25	Tedric Harwell (Sr.)

Defense (4)

DE	90 Trent Cole (Jr.)	54	Tommy Simpson (Sr.)
DT	96 Ka'Son Love (Sr.)	95	Lonnie Simmons (Jr.)
DT	93 Mike Wright (Jr.)	51	John Feaster (Sr.)
DE	91 Andre Frazier (Jr.)	94	Adam Roberts (So.)
WLB	30 Jason Russell (Sr.)	40	Akanni Turner (Jr.)
MLB	46 Jamar Enzor (Jr.)	59	Jermaine Wilson (Jr.)
SLB	42 Tyjuan Hagler (Sr.)	55	Jamey Murphy (Jr.)
CB	29 Zach Norton (Sr.)	33	John Bowie (Fr.)
CB	18 Daven Holly (Jr.)	10	Thaddeus Lewis (Sr.)
SS	45 Doug Monaghan (Jr.)	28	Jon Zwiitt (So.)
FS	4 Franklin Callicott (Sr.)	6	James Julian (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	12 Chet Ervin (So.)
P	12 Chet Ervin (So.)
KR	25 Tedric Harwell (Sr.)
PR	10 Thaddeus Lewis (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Gino Guidugli, 258-472-3,543-21, 22 TDs
Rushing:	Richard Hall, 59 car., 264 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	George Murray, 26 rec., 278 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Jamar Enzor, 91, 49 solo
Sacks:	Andre Frazier, 7
Interceptions:	Zach Norton, 2 for 80 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 1	East Carolina	W
S. 13	at West Virginia	L
S. 20	Temple	W
S. 27	at Miami (OH)	*
O. 4	Southern Miss	L
O. 11	at UAB	*
O. 25	Army	W
N. 1	at South Florida	L
N. 8	Rhode Island	W
N. 15	at TCU	L
N. 22	at Memphis	*
N. 29	Louisville	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 2	TCU	W	36-29
S. 14	West Virginia	L	32-35
S. 21	Ohio State	L	19-23
S. 28	at Temple	W	35-22
O. 5	Miami (OH)	L	26-31
O. 12	at Tulane	L	17-35
O. 19	at So. Miss	L	14-23
O. 26	Memphis	W	48-10
N. 7	at Louisville	W	24-14
N. 16	Houston	W	47-14
N. 23	at Hawaii	L	19-20
N. 30	UAB	W	31-23
D. 6	at E. Carolina	W	42-26
D. 17	#North Texas	L	19-24
	#New Orleans Bowl		

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.2 ppg	42
Rushing	136.9 ypg	71
Passing	260.6 ypg	28
Total	397.5 ypg	33
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.5 ppg	43
Rushing	138.1 ypg	43
Passing	179.9 ypg	22
Total	318.1 ypg	21
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.07	58

Head Coach: Rick Minter

2002 Record (C-USA): 7-7 (6-2)

Michigan State spartans

Offense

Jeff Smoker was the hottest quarterback in the country in November and December of 2001. He missed the last five games of 2002 after admitting to a substance abuse problem.

When right, Smoker might be the best quarterback in the Big Ten. If he can harness top form, he is capable of putting up huge numbers in new coach John L. Smith's spread offense. Smoker spent the spring on the third string in a semi-suspension.

Drew Stanton has good feet and a solid arm at quarterback. Damon Dowdell has good speed and Big Ten experience but is 1-5 as a starter.

Spartan coaches believe there are ingredients to produce a 1,000-yard rusher, largely because of an offensive line that returns six players with starting experience. Tyrell Dortch is the leading candidate to carry the ball, but he has a history of injuries. Small but elusive Jaren Hayes rushed for 113 yards in the 2002 finale at Penn State. Freshman David Richard led the team in rushing but has since transferred to Missouri.

The Spartans have three gifted but unproven young receivers. Sophomores Kyle Brown, Agim Shabaj and Matt Trannon should blossom in the spread offense. Brown can fly. Shabaj is quick as a slot man. Trannon has been compared to Plaxico Burress. Tight ends Jason Randall and Eric Knott are All-Big Ten candidates. They will flourish in Smith's offense, which was generous to tight ends at Louisville.

Defense

Defensive line should be a team strength. Plenty of experience returns, including strong-

3 In the old defensive line philosophy, Greg Taplin had only three sacks in three seasons. With an underrated first step and new sprinter's stance, he is expected to be the cornerstone of an improved pass rush.

man Brandon McKinney at noseguard. Ends Clifford Dukes and Greg Taplin should be productive. They have been marginal in the past, but are excited about new upfield freedom in Smith's attack-oriented defense.

At linebacker, Michigan State is low on sideline-to-sideline speed, but four players with starting experience each have something to offer. Ron Stanley gets off blocks and scrapes with effectiveness.

The Spartans must replace three starters in the secondary, where there is a shortage of depth and experience. Free safety Jason Harmon wraps well in run support and has been solid in pass coverage. Cornerback Roderick Maples played better than expected in the spring.

Specialists

Placekicker Dave Rayner was 10-of-16 as a sophomore, including 2-for-2 from beyond 50. Punter Jason Daily averaged 40.4 per attempt last fall.

Final Analysis

The Spartans were picked to contend for a Big Ten title in 2002 but instead had their worst season in 11 years. The good news is much of the talent that led to high expectations a year ago is returning.

Were those players overrated? Or were they in need of sharper coaching? Probably a little bit of both.

The Spartans were horrendous tacklers on defense last year. With continued speed problems in the middle of the field, it is hard to believe that the defense will improve enough to help the team post a winning record.

The offense should be productive and exciting. Smoker is capable of making Michigan State dangerous on any given Saturday, if he is available. If he or one of the other quarterbacks is sharp and a tailback emerges, the Spartans could be competitive.

Big Ten Prediction: 9th National Forecast: #71



Jason Randall

Steve Woltmann

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	3 Kyle Brown (So.)	10 Aaron Alexander (So.)
WR	83 Matt Trannon (So.)	82 Ziehl Kavanaght (Sr.)
SL	2 Agim Shabaj (So.)	87 Paul Cummings (Jr.)
LT	72 Stefan Wheeler (So.)	71 Gordon Niebyski (So.)
LG	68 Joe Tate (Sr.)	69 Kyle Cook (Fr.)
C	73 Brian Ottney (Sr.)	67 DeMarco Monroe (Sr.)
RG	76 William Whitticker (Jr.)	57 Paul Harker (Sr.)
RT	77 Steve Stewart (Sr.)	79 Sean Poole (Jr.)
TE	81 Jason Randall (Jr.)	4 Eric Knott (Jr.)
QB	5 Drew Stanton (Fr.)	7 Damon Dowdell (Jr.)
RB	34 Tyrell Dortch (Jr.)	31 Jaren Hayes (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	94 Greg Taplin (Sr.)	52 Clifton Ryan (Fr.)
DT	99 Brandon McKinney (Jr.)	96 Greg Yeaster (Jr.)
DT	91 Kevin Vickerson (Jr.)	95 Matthias Askew (Jr.)
DE	59 Clifford Dukes (Jr.)	88 Luc Mullinder (Sr.)
LB	48 Seth Mitchell (So.)	42 Mike Labinjo (Sr.)
LB	44 Ronald Stanley (Jr.)	35 Mark Goebel (Sr.)
LB	45 Monquiz Wedlow (Sr.)	50 Steve Kielp (Fr.)
CB	12 Ashton Watson (So.)	22 Darren Barnett (So.)
CB	17 Roderick Maples (Jr.)	24 Jeremiah McLaurin (Sr.)
FS	25 Jason Harmon (Jr.)	24 Jeremiah McLaurin (Sr.)
SS	27 Derron Ware (So.)	12 Anthony Belasco (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	16 Dave Rayner (Jr.)
P	18 Jason Daily (Sr.)
KR	31 Jaren Hayes (So.)
PR	82 Ziehl Kavanaght (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jeff Smoker, 114-203-1,593-10, 13 TDs
Rushing:	Jaren Hayes, 38 car., 227 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Eric Knott, 33 rec., 334 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Ronald Stanley, 97, 59 solo
Sacks:	Clifford Dukes, 4
Interceptions:	Jason Harmon, 3 for -1 yd.

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BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Western Michigan *	
S. 6 Rutgers	W
S. 13 Louisiana Tech	W
S. 20 at Notre Dame	L
S. 27 Iowa	L
O. 4 Indiana *	
O. 11 at Illinois	L
O. 18 at Minnesota	L
N. 1 Michigan	L
N. 8 at Ohio State	L
N. 15 at Wisconsin	L
N. 22 Penn State	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Eastern Michigan	W	56-7
S. 7 Rice	W	27-10
S. 14 California	L	22-46
S. 21 Notre Dame	L	17-21
S. 28 Northwestern	W	39-24
O. 12 at Iowa	L	16-44
O. 19 Minnesota	L	7-28
O. 26 Wisconsin	L	24-42
N. 2 at Michigan	L	3-49
N. 9 at Indiana	W	56-21
N. 16 Purdue	L	42-45
N. 23 at Penn State	L	7-61

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.3 ppg	68
Rushing	142.4 ypg	66
Passing	228.6 ypg	51
Total	371.0 ypg	65
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.2 ppg	96
Rushing	213.8 ypg	110
Passing	188.8 ypg	30
Total	402.7 ypg	83
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	83

Head Coach: John L. Smith

2002 Record (Big Ten): 4-8 (2-6)

Western Michigan broncos

Offense

The offensive prowess shown by the 1999 and 2000 MAC West Division title teams will have to return if WMU is going to compete for a conference title this fall.

Senior quarterback Chad Munson took over starting duties in week six last year and proved to be a gamer, providing a 328-yard, highlight-worthy performance against a nationally ranked Bowling Green squad. He throws too many interceptions (17 last season), but Munson has a firm grasp on the starting position.

Munson will have plenty of options at receiver. Kendrick Mosley is the go-to receiver, but Antonio Thomas corralled a team-high 45 passes last season. Senior Chris Chestnut averaged 14.6 yards per catch.

Running back Philip Reed rushed for 1,053 yards as a junior last year to become the fifth Bronco to top the 1,000-yard mark in the last six seasons. He'll be asked to do the same this season. Trovon Riley and Daniel Marks offer good depth at the position. Riley ran for two touchdowns and 109 yards against Central Michigan in the season finale.

The biggest question is up front. With just one starting lineman — guard Kyle Ras — returning, the this could be WMU's Achilles' heel.

Defense

WMU finished No. 1 in the MAC in total defense in 2002, a trend that could continue. After earning All-America honors last fall, defensive end Jason Babin will face double teams all season long. Athletic and strong, Babin totaled 15 sacks and 26 tackles for a loss last season. He's the anchor on this defense. But he'll have trouble making up for a thin line-

3 Defensive end Jason Babin recorded more sacks (15) last season than three teams in the MAC — Kent State, Akron and Eastern Michigan.

backing corps that was hit hard by the graduation of starters Bryan Lape and Jason Malloy. The Broncos will be relying on two players who have been bothered by injuries — Willie Miller and Josh Behrens. Miller missed all but three games with a knee injury, while Behrens recorded 26 tackles in a reserve role last fall. Behrens did not participate in spring practice.

The secondary will be led by Jason Feldpausch, a former walk-on who was named team MVP last season.

Specialists

With only a new punter to break in, WMU should have one of the top special teams units in the MAC this year. Mosley will be back to handle punts after ranking second in the league with a 15.2-yard average in 2002. Junior receiver Tyrone Walker averaged 32.8 yards on 13 kickoff returns and brought back two for touchdowns.

Kicker Robert Menchinger, who hit 7-of-9 field goal attempts and all 12 extra points, returns. Punter Adam Anderson takes over on a full-time basis after averaging 35.5 yards on 21 kicks in 2002.

Final Analysis

Following a 2002 schedule that included road trips to Michigan and Purdue and a home game against Virginia Tech, WMU has assembled another brutal non-conference slate. This year the Broncos take on non-conference heavyweights Michigan State and Virginia, along with talented conference foe Marshall.

Coach Gary Darnell isn't deterred. "The reality of it is, if it wasn't for last year, this would be the toughest schedule in the history of the school," he says. "But this is who we are. We play tough teams and we look forward to it."

Darnell believes his team has the tools to compete for a MAC title this fall. "I feel a good, strong sense that the team concept is back to Bronco quality," Darnell says.

MAC West Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #72



Philip Reed

Western Michigan SID

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 83 Tyrone Walker (Jr.)	15 Greg Jennings (So.)
WR 7 Antonio Thomas (Sr.)	80 Chris Chestnut (Sr.)
WR 3 Kendrick Mosley (Sr.)	8 Brandon Johnson (Sr.)
LT 76 Walter Stith (So.)	72 Dominic Moran (Fr.)
LG 79 Kyle Ras (Jr.)	52 D.J. Lockhart (So.)
C 54 Charles Missant (Sr.)	60 Joel Pfaendtner (Fr.)
RG 61 Mark Ottney (So.)	73 C.R. Moultry (Sr.)
RT 65 Chad Wangerin (Sr.)	71 Brandon James (So.)
TE 82 Anthony Kiner (Sr.)	85 Tony Scheffler (So.)
QB 11 Chad Munson (Sr.)	19 Jon Drach (Sr.)
RB 38 Philip Reed (Sr.)	32 Trovon Riley (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 59 Jack Gittler (Jr.)	35 Nick Melcher (Jr.)
DT 92 Hausia Faleofa (Sr.)	53 Joe Alvarez (So.)
NG 99 Jon Jones (Sr.)	64 Duane Robinson (Fr.)
DE 93 Jason Babin (Sr.)	90 Ernest Osborne (Jr.)
LB 34 Willie Miller (Jr.)	51 Paul Tithof (Fr.)
LB 45 Josh Behrens (So.)	42 Dan Steinau (Jr.)
CB 21 Tony Carr (Jr.)	2 Eugene Childs (Sr.)
CB 28 Willie Pope (Jr.)	41 Sam Reynolds (Sr.)
WS 40 Jason Feldpausch (Sr.)	43 Shawntey Lopez (Jr.)
FS 9 Kevin Ford (So.)	1 Christian Hodges (Sr.)
SS 25 Scott Robinson (Jr.)	27 Jon Hall (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 17 Robert Menchinger (Jr.)
P 39 Adam Anderson (Jr.)
KR 83 Tyrone Walker (Jr.)
PR 3 Kendrick Mosley (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Chad Munson, 162-309-2,160-17, 14 TDs
Rushing:	Philip Reed, 221 car., 1,053 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving:	Antonio Thomas, 45 rec., 439 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Jason Feldpausch, 104, 49 solo
Sacks:	Jason Babin, 15
Interceptions:	Tony Carr, 5 for 30 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Michigan State	*
S. 6 William & Mary	W
S. 13 Virginia	L
S. 27 at Ohio	W
O. 4 at E. Michigan	W
O. 11 Bowling Green	*
O. 18 at No. Illinois	L
O. 25 Marshall	*
N. 1 at Connecticut	*
N. 8 Ball State	W
N. 15 C. Michigan	W
N. 22 at Toledo	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 Indiana State	W 48-17
S. 7 at Michigan	L 12-35
S. 14 at Purdue	L 24-28
S. 28 Virginia Tech	L 0-30
O. 5 at Buffalo	W 31-17
O. 12 UCF	L 27-31
O. 19 at Bowling Green	L 45-48
O. 26 Northern Illinois	L 20-24
N. 2 at Ball State	L 7-17
N. 9 E. Michigan	W 33-31
N. 16 Toledo	L 21-42
N. 23 at C. Michigan	W 35-10

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	72
Rushing	107.3 ypg	103
Passing	256.1 ypg	30
Total	363.3 ypg	72
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.5 ppg	70
Rushing	151.2 ypg	54
Passing	179.5 ypg	21
Total	330.7 ypg	28
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-12	-1.00	97

Head Coach: Gary Darnell

2002 Record (MAC) 4-8 (3-5)

Mississippi State bulldogs

Offense

For Mississippi State to climb out of the cellar in the Southeastern Conference, production from the running game is imperative. The Bulldogs finished 11th in the league in toting the football, averaging a mere 119.3 yards.

However, the backfield was relatively young and inexperienced. This year, it's a unit that returns Jerious Norwood, Nick Turner and Fred Reid, who combined for 763 yards in limited playing time. If their numbers improve, that should open things up for the Bulldogs' passing attack.

Last year, first-year starting quarterback Kevin Fant failed to show the consistency the Bulldogs needed. But as head coach Jackie Sherrill emphatically stated, Fant didn't receive the necessary help from his running backs, while dropped passes plagued the receiving corps.

Fant missed the last two weeks of spring practice for personal reasons, opening the door for Kyle York and Aries Nelson to make a push for the starting nod.

Regardless who is under center, he will have veteran receivers to throw to in Justin Jenkins and Ray Ray Bivines. Last year as a sophomore, Bivines hauled in a team-high 40 passes for 511 yards and four touchdowns.

Defense

The success Mississippi State will have defensively this year will depend largely on how the Bulldogs replace All-SEC linebacker Mario Haggan. However, Sherrill believes turning to 6'2", 240-pound Marvin Byrdsong is the ideal starting point. "He has a lot of ability," the 13th-year coach says. "He can run, and he has a lot of good movement. He has that instinct."

Last year, free safety Darren Williams proved to have "that instinct" as a true freshman.

1 MSU returns just one running back (Fred Reid) who scored a touchdown last season.

He was one of the key reasons the Bulldogs were second in the SEC in pass defense, giving up just 153.9 yards through the air. However, Williams wasn't a one-man show. Demetric Wright and Odell Bradley emerged as the starting cornerbacks in the spring. Kevin Dockery will handle one safety spot, and Jason Clark is listed as a linebacker/safety, but he will spend most of his time in the secondary.

The question, though, is how Chris Swain will progress at safety. He signed with MSU in December following a standout career in the junior college ranks and enrolled in January in order to participate in spring practice and work his way up the depth chart.

Specialists

One of the biggest questions marks last year centered around special teams and the production the Bulldogs would receive from their placekicker. Junior college transfer Brent Smith erased those concerns rather quickly. He became MSU's starter in the third game of the season and responded nicely by nailing 16-of-20 field goal attempts, while converting all 16 extra points.

And when the offense stalled and a field goal wasn't an option, the Bulldogs could always count on punters Jared Cook and Robert Wallis to defend field position. They averaged 42.2 and 43.9 yards per punt, respectively.

Final Analysis

If the Bulldogs are to climb out of sixth place in the West, several factors must come to fruition. For starters, Fant has to be more consistent at quarterback — if he returns — and the running backs must increase their 119.2 yards-per-game average. Defensively, success starts with stopping the run, a facet of the game the Bulldogs failed at last year. And if the secondary and special teams units continue to improve as they did last year, this year's surprise in the SEC just might be Mississippi State.

SEC West Prediction: 6th

National Forecast: #73



Jerious Norwood

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	10 Ray Ray Bivines (Jr.)	4	Milas Randle (Sr.)
FL	8 Justin Jenkins (Sr.)	1	McKinley Scott (Jr.)
LT	77 Richard Burch (So.)	71	James Redmond (Fr.)
LG	64 Brad Weathers (Jr.)	78	Rusty Holloway (Jr.)
C	63 Blake Jones (Sr.)	70	Avery House (So.)
RG	50 Chris McNeil (So.)	69	Will Rogers (Jr.)
RT	60 David Stewart (Jr.)	66	James Cochran (Fr.)
TE	87 Aaron Lumpkin (Sr.)	89	Tommy Ferrill (Sr.)
QB	17 Kyle York (So.)	16	Kevin Fant (Sr.)
TB	5 Fred Reid (Jr.)	12	Jerious Norwood (So.)
FB	33 Darnell Jones (Jr.)	31	Nick Signaigo (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	55 Tommy Kelly (Sr.)	92	Roosevelt Tate (Fr.)
DT	93 Ronald Fields (Jr.)	97	Jadice Moore (Jr.)
DT	91 Lennie Day (Sr.)	56	Kamau Jackson (Sr.)
DE	36 Willie Evans (So.)	59	Robert Spivey (Jr.)
LB	32 Marvin Byrdsong (So.)	49	Tarus Morgan (Jr.)
LB	53 T.J. Mawhinney (Jr.)	52	Kenny Kern (So.)
CB	24 Demetric Wright (Sr.)	23	David Heard (Fr.)
CB	6 Odell Bradley (Sr.)	23	David Heard (Fr.)
SS	40 Jason Clark (Sr.)	19	Rico Bennett (So.)
SS	30 Kevin Dockery (So.)	26	Chris Swain (Jr.)
FS	22 Darren Williams (So.)	25	Slovakia Griffith (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	45 Brent Smith (Sr.)
P	43 Jared Cook (Jr.)
KR	5 Fred Reid (Jr.)
PR	10 Ray Ray Bivines (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Kevin Fant, 163-311-1,918-12, 10 TDs
Rushing:	Jerious Norwood, 66 car., 394 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving:	Ray Ray Bivines, 40 rec., 511 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	T.J. Mawhinney, 88, 31 solo
Sacks:	Jason Clark, 2
Interceptions:	Darren Williams, 3 for 44 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Oregon	L
S. 13 at Tulane	L
S. 20 at Houston	W
S. 27 LSU	L
O. 4 Vanderbilt	*
O. 11 Memphis	*
O. 18 at Auburn	L
O. 25 at Kentucky	L
N. 8 Alabama	L
N. 15 at Tennessee	L
N. 22 at Arkansas	L
N. 27 Ole Miss	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Oregon	L	13-36
S. 14 Jacksonville St.	W	51-13
S. 19 Auburn	L	14-42
S. 28 at LSU	L	13-31
O. 5 at S. Carolina	L	10-34
O. 12 Troy State	W	11-8
O. 19 at Memphis	W	29-17
N. 2 Kentucky	L	24-45
N. 9 at Alabama	L	14-28
N. 16 Tennessee	L	17-35
N. 23 Arkansas	L	19-26
N. 28 at Ole Miss	L	12-24

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.9 ppg	103
Rushing	119.3 ypg	91
Passing	217.6 ypg	58
Total	336.8 ypg	93
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.3 ppg	77
Rushing	170.1 ypg	82
Passing	153.9 ypg	3
Total	324.0 ypg	24
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.25	111

Head Coach: Jackie Sherrill

2002 Record (SEC): 3-9 (0-8)

Louisville

cardinals

Offense

University of Louisville fans were not pleased that popular head coach John L. Smith bolted for Michigan State. But if Cardinal fans have one reason to forgive Smith, it is this: One of his former assistants, Bobby Petrino, has replaced Smith as the school's new head coach. And Petrino, who comes to U of L after stints at Auburn and with the Jacksonville Jaguars, might possess a more imaginative offensive mind.

The coach must pick a quarterback. Stefan LeFors is the only guy with game experience. He will be pushed by Justin Rascati, a former Florida all-stater who excelled on the scout team last season. Freshman Michael Bush, from Male High School in Louisville, didn't turn down scholarships at Ohio State, Tennessee and other programs to carry a clipboard.

The running game will be more powerful. Bruising Eric Shelton, a transfer from Florida State, gives Louisville the between-the-tackles strength it was missing last season. Lionel Gates and T.J. Patterson will have another chance to fulfill their potential.

Petrino believes the receiving corps will become the team's strength. Ronnie Ghent was leading the nation's tight ends in receptions when he went down with a knee injury. J.R. Russell can beat you deep, and Joshua Tinch loves to take on defensive backs over the middle.

Defense

There's even more work to do here. The Cardinals lose sack-master Dewayne White as they shift to a more traditional 4-3 alignment. The new playmakers up front will be Bobby Leffew, Montavious Stanley and Tyrone

Saterfield. Leffew, a former Freshman All-American, will line up at end and tackle.

Linebacker Robert McCune is a ferocious hitter and sure tackler. Rod Day and James Greene can also run.

What Louisville really needs is a playmaker in the defensive backfield. Three years ago the Cardinals were one of the national leaders in turnover margin. Last season this team intercepted just nine passes, two by its starting cornerbacks. Laroni Gallishaw and Josh Minkins return to play the corners, but Petrino needs them to create more turnovers. He also needs help at both safety spots.

Specialists

Placekicker Nate Smith has a powerful but inconsistent leg. He's dependable inside the 30, but a mystery beyond that point. Smith and Wade Tydlacka also must improve the punting game.

The Cards excel on returning kicks. Broderick Clark, who averaged nearly 29 yards per kick return, is a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

Final Analysis

When former coach John L. Smith bolted for the opening at Michigan State, U of L athletics director Tom Jurich moved quickly and hired Petrino in less than a week.

Petrino is respected as one of the game's best offensive innovators. He should eliminate the silly penalties that hurt the Cards last season. Shelton's arrival should solidify the running game, but the coach will have to make a quick decision at quarterback, where the Cards have little experience. Defensively, Louisville also has several holes to fix.

Defense was supposed to be a strength last season, but the Cards gave up more than 30 points four times and held just one team (Duke) to single digits. They must improve against the run and the pass.

C-USA Prediction: 7th

National Forecast: #74

Broderick Clark



Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 82 J.R. Russell (Jr.)	88 Victor Glenn (Sr.)
WR 9 Joshua Tinch (Jr.)	25 Antoine Harris (Jr.)
WR 4 Broderick Clark (So.)	18 Dontay Spillman (Sr.)
WT 78 Travis Leffew (So.)	75 Bubba Marshall (So.)
WG 59 Jason Spitz (So.)	60 Chad Pinkston (Sr.)
C 68 Dan Koons (Sr.)	53 Michael Sturgeon (Fr.)
SG 66 Jerry Spencer (Sr.)	71 P.J. Tavarazky (Fr.)
ST 69 Jason Hilliard (Sr.)	85 Renardo Foster (Fr.)
TE 86 Ronnie Ghent (Sr.)	89 Richard Owens (Sr.)
QB 17 Stefan LeFors (Jr.)	7 Justin Rascati (Fr.)
TB 32 Eric Shelton (So.)	23 Lionel Gates (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE 56 Marcus Jones (Jr.)	45 Matt Sanders (Fr.)
DT 93 Tyrone Saterfield (Jr.)	61 Jeremy Seguin (So.)
DT 90 Scott Lopez (Sr.)	77 Brian Devine (So.)
DE 92 Montavious Stanley (So.)	48 Bobby Leffew (Jr.)
LB 97 Brandon Johnson (So.)	52 Jonathon Jackson (Jr.)
LB 54 Robert McCune (Jr.)	46 John Cardoza (Jr.)
LB 40 Rod Day (Sr.)	49 James Greene (Sr.)
CB 42 Laroni Gallishaw (Jr.)	27 Gavin Smart (Fr.)
CB 5 Josh Minkins (Sr.)	31 J.T. Haskins (Sr.)
SS 30 Brent Johnson (So.)	34 Ray Childs (Jr.)
ROV19 Kerry Rhodes (Jr.)	43 Abe Brown (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 14 Nate Smith (Sr.)
P 36 Wade Tydlacka (Sr.)
KR 4 Broderick Clark (So.)
PR 4 Broderick Clark (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Stefan LeFors, 5-7-49-0, 1 TD
Rushing:	T.J. Patterson, 93 car., 329 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Joshua Tinch, 33 rec., 429 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Rod Day, 101, 53 solo
Sacks:	Marcus Jones, 3, Scott Lopez, 3
Interceptions:	Josh Minkins, 2 for 47 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

5 Louisville completed 243 passes last season, but returning quarterbacks accounted for only five of those completions.

2003 Schedule

A. 31 at Kentucky	L
S. 13 at Syracuse	L
S. 20 UTEP	W
S. 27 Temple	W
O. 4 at South Florida	L
O. 11 Army	W
O. 18 Tulane	*
O. 25 at East Carolina	W
N. 8 at TCU	L
N. 15 Memphis	*
N. 22 Houston	W
N. 29 at Cincinnati	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 1 Kentucky	L 17-22
S. 7 at Duke	W 40-3
S. 14 at Colorado St.	L 33-36
S. 21 at Army	W 45-14
S. 26 Florida State	W 26-20
O. 8 at Memphis	W 38-32
O. 19 TCU	L 31-45
O. 26 East Carolina	W 44-20
N. 7 Cincinnati	L 14-24
N. 14 at So. Miss	W 20-17
N. 23 UAB	W 41-21
N. 30 at Houston	L 10-27
D. 18 #Marshall	L 15-38
#GMAC Bowl	

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.8 ppg	48
Rushing	106.9 ypg	104
Passing	226.5 ypg	54
Total	333.4 ypg	97
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.5 ppg	47
Rushing	113.0 ypg	17
Passing	206.9 ypg	49
Total	319.9 ypg	22
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.15	104

Head Coach: Bobby Petrino

2002 Record (C-USA): 7-6 (5-3)

New Mexico State

aggies

Offense

Prior to the 2002 season, New Mexico State had to replace three offensive backs who combined for 3,349 yards. No sweat. Last fall, four Aggies combined for 4,330 yards, and they all return. The triggerman is quarterback Paul Dombrowski, who was the 2002 Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year. He rushed for 868 yards with 12 touchdowns and was handy through the air as well, completing more than 60 percent of his passes. Reliable backup Buck Pierce was withheld from contact drills this spring while recovering from ankle surgery.

I-Back Eric Higgins started all eight games in which he played and rushed for 499 yards and three scores. Tony Bostic will also see considerable action this year. Clearing the way for the I-Backs will be Marcus Dixon, a returning starter at fullback.

The Aggies must replace a pair of productive receivers, but Chris Lumpkin and Ronshay Jenkins are experienced and performed admirably in the spring. Tight end Alex Davis has started 32 consecutive games.

One starter returns on each side of the line — left tackle Trevor Kline and right guard Steve Subia.

Defense

Like the offensive backfield, New Mexico State's linebacking trio was untested heading into last season but responded by outperforming its predecessors. Middle linebacker Jimmy Cottrell started every game as a true freshman and led the team with 102 tackles. Weak-side backer Rich Glover was a second team All-Sun Belt pick and strong-side backer Tim Patrick led the team in sacks.

All four starters return to the defensive line,

36 New Mexico State won seven games in 2002 for the first time since 1967, a span of 36 years.

but three of them — left end Traydell Bullock, nose tackle Joe Olivo and rush end Greg Scaffidi — missed spring ball with injuries. Bullock was the leading tackler on the line, while Olivo was first-team All-Sun Belt in 2001. Lionel Apineru, who started eight of the 10 games he played, filled in for Olivo this spring. Tommy Laborin started five games at three different positions.

The Aggies enter the season looking to replace all four starters in the secondary. Cameron Wright and Chris Davis nailed down the starting corner jobs in spring ball, but Jeremiah Imperial showed he could play as well. As many as seven players will challenge for playing time at safety. Free safety Matt Griebel played considerably last year as a freshman, while Wuan Harris and Eric Carrie made strides in the spring.

Specialists

Kicker Dario Aguiniga returns after earning first team all-conference honors in 2002. He was 17-of-23 on field goal attempts and booted two from 50 yards or deeper. Junior college transfer Steven Smith participated in spring drills and will take over the punting chores.

Final Analysis

After close calls the last two seasons, this year New Mexico State looks to close the deal.

In 2001 the Aggies relinquished fourth quarter leads against co-champs North Texas and Middle Tennessee. Last year, with a bid to the New Orleans Bowl hanging in the balance, NMSU blew a fourth quarter lead against North Texas.

The Aggies figure to be one of the top rushing teams in the nation again this year. There are holes to fill in the secondary, but the team won last year (7-5, 5-1 Sun Belt) with a mediocre pass defense. The key to putting New Mexico State over the top likely will be the defensive line. Although four starters return, most missed spring practice with injuries. If they're healthy in the fall, the Aggies could go bowling for the holidays.

Sun Belt Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #75



Buck Pierce

New Mexico State SID

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 8	Chris Lumpkin (Sr.)	81	Chris Duncan (Jr.)
WR 27	Ronshay Jenkins (Sr.)	14	Preston Williams (Sr.)
LT 60	Trevor Kline (Sr.)	57	David Colston (Fr.)
LG 64	Nick Cole (So.)	66	Jacob Jean (Fr.)
C 71	Andy Dale (Sr.)	50	Clay Vincent (Jr.)
RG 63	Steve Subia (Jr.)	65	Jose Quinones (Fr.)
RT 61	Matt Sanchez (Jr.)	77	Justin Shopbell (Fr.)
TE 89	Alex Davis (Sr.)	97	Dustin Ditmore (Jr.)
QB 10	Paul Dombrowski (So.)	11	Buck Pierce (Sr.)
FB 44	Marcus Dixon (Sr.)	38	Rambo Fiasseu (So.)
IB 4	Eric Higgins (Sr.)	23	Tony Bostic (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 82	Greg Scaffidi (Jr.)	46	Aubrey Dorisme (Jr.)
NT 45	Joe Olivo (Sr.)	95	Cedric Patterson (Jr.)
DT 74	Lionel Apineru (Jr.)	99	Tommy Laborin (Sr.)
DE 32	Traydell Bullock (Jr.)	54	John Sioui (Sr.)
LB 35	Tim Patrick (Sr.)	49	Sean Dade (So.)
LB 42	Jimmy Cottrell (So.)	53	Travis Jones (Jr.)
LB 37	Rich Glover (Jr.)	55	Sione Finau (Sr.)
CB 1	Cameron Wright (So.)	21	Jeremiah Imperial (Jr.)
CB 29	Chris Davis (So.)	5	David Malloy (Jr.)
FS 2	Matt Griebel (So.)	9	Shukree Shabazz (So.)
SS 25	Wuan Harris (Jr.)	4	Eric Carrie (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 12	Dario Aguiniga (Sr.)
P 16	Steven Smith (Jr.)
KR 23	Tony Bostic (Sr.)
PR 23	Tony Bostic (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Paul Dombrowski, 95-158-1,327-5, 7 TDs
Rushing:	Paul Dombrowski, 189 car., 868 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Lumpkin, 19 rec., 224 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Jimmy Cottrell, 102, 35 solo
Sacks:	Tim Patrick, 4.5
Interceptions:	Richard Glover, 2 for 17 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Texas	L
S. 6	W. New Mexico	W
S. 13	at Oregon State	L
S. 27	at New Mexico	L
O. 4	Idaho	W
O. 11	at Middle Tenn.	*
O. 18	at UL-Lafayette	W
O. 25	at UL-Monroe	W
N. 1	Arkansas State	W
N. 8	Utah State	W
N. 15	at Arkansas	L
N. 22	North Texas	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Tony Samuel

2002 Results

A. 31	at S. Carolina	L 24-34
S. 7	at California	L 13-34
S. 21	New Mexico	W 24-13
S. 28	at Georgia	L 10-41
O. 5	UTEP	W 49-14
O. 12	UL-Lafayette	W 31-28
O. 19	UL-Monroe	W 34-21
O. 26	at Arkansas St.	W 26-21
N. 2	Middle Tenn.	W 24-21
N. 9	at Utah State	L 30-32
N. 16	at North Texas	L 27-38
N. 23	at Idaho	W 35-31

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	60
Rushing	214.6 ypg	14
Passing	194.8 ypg	73
Total	409.3 ypg	23
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	68
Rushing	160.6 ypg	66
Passing	201.0 ypg	40
Total	361.6 ypg	54
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	60

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 7-5 (5-1)

North Carolina tar heels

Offense

North Carolina has a chance to upset almost anybody because of the right arm of quarterback Darian Durant. He's healthy — and hungry. "I'm as comfortable as I've been since I got here," Durant says.

Comfort is perhaps Durant's main attribute. At 5'11", he's not physically intimidating, but he makes the right choice more times than not. He's already UNC's career leader in completion percentage and should dominate the school's passing record book by the end of this season.

Durant's targets, though, must come through. Jarwarski Pollock has exceptional ability after the catch, but at 5'8" can't get to everything thrown his way. Derrelle Mitchell has a chance to be the go-to guy, but he must cut down on drops. Coaches hope one of three true freshmen — Adarius Bowman, Jesse Holley or Mike Mason — immediately develops into a stud.

At tailback, look for Kentucky transfer Chad Scott to push incumbent starter Jacque Lewis. The Heels have all five starters on the offensive line back, anchored by center Jason Brown. Coach John Bunting wants to "run the ball downhill," but he needs the line to be good and one of the backs — possibly true freshman Ronnie McGill — to step forward.

Defense

Pick a defensive category, and Carolina was at or near the bottom of the ACC in 2002. But eight starters return, led by stand-out free safety Dexter Reid, who was second in the nation in tackles with 13.8 tackles per game.

The problems start up front, where there isn't a single impact player. True freshman Melik

Brown showed promise at outside linebacker after enrolling in the spring. The Tar Heels return four starters on the defensive line, but they had only five sacks among them last year.

The secondary should be better. Cedric Holt could be a star at cornerback. Another corner, Michael Waddell, was once supposed to be a star himself, but he'll be pushed by junior college transfer Lionell Green as well as senior Derrick Johnson.

It's hard to imagine the Heels giving up more yards or more points than they did last year, when they allowed 452.4 yards and 35.1 points per game.

Specialists

Kicker Dan Orner has leg strength; he booted three 50-yard field goals in one game. But punter John Lafferty is laff-able: His 36.6-yard average puts Carolina in a field-position struggle more often than not. The return game should be helped by the arrival of the speedy Green.

Final Analysis

All kinds of things went wrong for the Tar Heels in 2002, so the first step will be forgetting all of that — to a point. "We've got to learn from it, too," guard Jeb Terry says. "We don't want to go through that again."

They must start by protecting Durant — the most important Tar Heel. If UNC is going to win multiple games, it will have to win a few shootouts, and that'll be hard to do if Durant goes down. In the four games he missed with a broken thumb in 2002, Carolina was outscored 172-33.

Durant can't do it all. Carolina's front seven on defense must be vastly improved — and opportunistic. UNC created an ACC-low 15 turnovers, a statistic that will have to turn around if the Heels are to win.

Best-case scenario: An early win over Syracuse provides some confidence. Worst-case scenario: They start 0-5 and head to a repeat of 2002.

ACC Prediction: 8th

National Forecast: #76



Darian Durant

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 1 Derrelle Mitchell (So.)	19 Danny Rumley (So.)
WR 5 Jarwarski Pollock (Jr.)	82 Brandon Russell (Sr.)
LT 76 Willie McNeill (Jr.)	73 Drew Hunter (So.)
LG 78 Kyle Ralph (So.)	71 Jupiter Wilson (Sr.)
C 72 Jason Brown (Jr.)	70 Steven Bell (So.)
RG 77 Jeb Terry (Sr.)	62 David Mirazo (Sr.)
RT 75 Skip Seagraves (Jr.)	68 Chris Woods (Fr.)
TE 89 Bobby Blizzard (Sr.)	93 John Dunn (Jr.)
QB 4 Darian Durant (Jr.)	7 C.J. Stephens (Sr.)
FB 40 Rikki Cook (So.)	36 James Gibson (Jr.)
TB 20 Jacque Lewis (Jr.)	6 Chad Scott (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 43 Jockes Dumas (Jr.)	98 Kendall High (So.)
DT 94 Donti Coats (Sr.)	69 Jonas Seawright (Jr.)
DT 95 Chase Page (Jr.)	97 Mickey Rice (Fr.)
DE 80 Tommy Davis (So.)	44 Madison Hedgecock (Jr.)
SLB 58 Melik Brown (Fr.)	37 Clarence Gaddy (Jr.)
MLB 53 Doug Justice (So.)	57 Devlen Bullard (Jr.)
WLB 11 Clay Roberson (Sr.)	52 Jeff Longhany (So.)
CB 13 Cedrick Holt (So.)	Lionell Green (Jr.)
CB 2 Derrick Johnson (Sr.)	18 Michael Waddell (Sr.)
SS 8 Tommy Richardson (So.)	23 Mahlon Carey (So.)
FS 24 Dexter Reid (Sr.)	12 Chris Curry (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 10 Dan Orner (Sr.)
P 33 John Lafferty (Sr.)
KR 29 Wallace Wright (So.)
PR 5 Jarwarski Pollock (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Darian Durant, 147-248-2,122-9, 16 TDs
Rushing:	Jacque Lewis, 130 car., 574 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving:	Jarwarski Pollock, 31 rec., 464 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Dexter Reid, 166, 107 solo
Sacks:	Will Chapman, 3
Interceptions:	Doug Justice, 1 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

221.2 The Tar Heels allowed 221.2 yards per game on the ground. As recently as '97, Carolina allowed just 209 yards of total offense per game.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Florida State	L
S. 6 Syracuse	L
S. 20 at Wisconsin	L
S. 27 at NC State	L
O. 4 Virginia	L
O. 11 at East Carolina	*
O. 18 Arizona State	L
O. 25 at Clemson	L
N. 1 at Maryland	L
N. 8 Wake Forest	L
N. 15 at Georgia Tech	L
N. 22 Duke	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Miami (OH)	L 21-27
S. 7 at Syracuse	W 30-22
S. 14 Texas	L 21-52
S. 28 Georgia Tech	L 13-21
O. 5 at Arizona State	W 38-35
O. 12 NC State	L 17-34
O. 19 at Virginia	L 27-37
O. 26 at Wake Forest	L 0-31
N. 2 Maryland	L 7-59
N. 9 Clemson	L 12-42
N. 16 at Florida State	L 14-40
N. 23 at Duke	W 23-21

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.6 ppg	108
Rushing	102.5 ypg	106
Passing	266.6 ypg	22
Total	369.1 ypg	68
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.1 ppg	102
Rushing	221.2 ypg	111
Passing	231.3 ypg	80
Total	452.4 ypg	108
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.25	111

Head Coach: John Bunting

2002 Record (ACC): 3-9 (1-7)

Bowling Green falcons

Offense

There's one way to describe Bowling Green's offense last fall — record-breaking. The Falcons set 17 school records and seven league records, and individually, quarterback Josh Harris established a MAC record by accounting for an astonishing 41 touchdowns — 20 rushing, 19 passing and two receiving. Harris, in his first year as a full-time starter, completed 56.1 percent of his passes, threw for 2,425 yards and rushed for 737 more. Omar Jacobs, a key recruit for the Falcons two years ago, will back up Harris. The coaching staff believes he is a future star.

There is quality depth at running back with P.J. Pope, B.J. Lane and Raishaun Stover. Tossing Harris into the mix, this returning group rushed for just under 1,500 yards last year and only looks to get better this season.

All-MAC performer Robert Redd graduated, but the Falcons return an outstanding group of receivers. James Hawkins, Charles Sharon, Steve Sanders and Cole Magner combined for over 1,400 yards and 11 touchdown receptions.

The offensive line, which returns just two starters, needs to be rebuilt. Scott Mruczkowski has all-conference potential. "We need to rebuild our offensive line. That is our main concern right now," coach Gregg Brandon says.

Defense

Fifth-year senior safety Mike Malone will lead one of the most experienced secondary units in the country; the four returning defensive backs have combined for 83 career starts. Janssen Patton, who has 11 career interceptions, is an all-conference performer. Keon Newson and Jason Morton bring size and big-play abil-

ity. "Our defensive backs are not only the strength of our defense, but of our entire team," says Brandon. "We have excellent depth here."

Mitch Hewitt and Jovon Burkes are the leaders of the linebacking corps. They combined for 135 tackles last fall. The defensive line returns two starters, most notably Matt Leininger, who Brandon calls "our best returning defensive lineman."

Specialists

Entering 2002, the kicking game was a huge concern. Shaun Suisham eased those fears by making 57-of-59 extra points and connecting on 12-of-14 FGs. Nate Fry and Josef Timchenko are vying for the punter position.

Final Analysis

Life in the Mid-American Conference is not always fair, and there is no better example of that than Bowling Green. The Falcons have put together consecutive seasons of 8-3 and 9-3 — including a 5-0 record against BCS conference opponents — yet did not receive a bowl invite either season. This lack of respect was undoubtedly a key reason Urban Meyer bolted for the University of Utah after two successful seasons. The task of sustaining success at Bowling Green falls to Brandon, who was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach shortly after Meyer's departure.

The architect one of the nation's most explosive attacks the past two seasons, Brandon should be able to keep things rolling on the offensive end thanks to the return of Harris, BG's multi-talented quarterback. On defense, the Falcons should be solid at linebacker and in the secondary, but the defensive front is a major concern for the first-year head coach.

If the Falcons, who host division rivals Northern Illinois and Toledo, can solidify things up front — on both sides of the ball — they could be in position to earn their first bowl invitation since 1992.

MAC West Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #77



Josh Harris

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 35 Charles Sharon (So.)	12 Steve Sanders (So.)
WR 21 Cole Magner (Jr.)	85 Brandon Jones (Fr.)
WR 10 James Hawkins (Jr.)	18 Kenneth Brantley (Fr.)
WR* 8 Cornelius McGrady (Jr.)	36 Derrick Lett (So.)
LT 79 Scott Mruczkowski (Jr.)	58 Rob Warren (So.)
LG 74 Ryan Lucas (Sr.)	70 Derrick Markray (Fr.)
C 60 Jesus Yanez (Sr.)	68 John Lanning (Fr.)
RG 76 Vardan Mkhitarian (Sr.)	55 Jonathan Culp (So.)
RT 63 Robert Haley (Sr.)	54 James Williams (Sr.)
TE 47 Craig Jarrett (Sr.)	89 Steve Navarro (So.)
QB 5 Josh Harris (Sr.)	4 Omar Jacobs (Fr.)
TB 33 P.J. Pope (So.)	32 B.J. Lane (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 91 Monty Cooley (So.)	59 Rick Mauer (Sr.)
NT 71 Jamal Bryant (So.)	77 Mike Thaler (So.)
DT 94 Matt Leininger (So.)	67 Andy Grubb (Jr.)
LEO 90 Mitchell Crossley (So.)	97 Will Teague (Sr.)
LB 53 Daniel Sayles (Jr.)	56 Jamien Johnson (So.)
LB 3 Jovon Burkes (Jr.)	49 Ted Piepkow (So.)
LB 11 Mitch Hewitt (Sr.)	52 Jason Hollingsworth (Fr.)
CB 2 Janssen Patton (Sr.)	27 Jelani Jordan (So.)
CB 17 Keon Newson (Jr.)	20 Terrill Mayberry (So.)
SS 30 Michael Malone (Sr.)	25 Tim Arnold (So.)
FS 19 Jason Morton (Sr.)	9 T.J. Carswell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Shaun Suisham (Jr.)
P Josef Timchenko (Jr.)
KR 2 Janssen Patton (Sr.)
PR 32 B.J. Lane (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Josh Harris, 198-353-2,425-11, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Josh Harris, 186 car., 737 yds., 20 TDs
Receiving:	James Hawkins, 44 rec., 546 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles:	Jason Morton, 85, 59 solo
Sacks:	Mitchell Crossley, 7
Interceptions:	Janssen Patton, 3 for 52 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

96.8 The Falcons led the nation in red zone efficiency last season, converting on 96.8 percent (61-of-63) of their trips inside the 20.

2003 Schedule

A. 28 Eastern Kentucky	W
S. 6 at Purdue	L
S. 13 Liberty	W
S. 20 at Ohio State	L
O. 4 Central Michigan	W
O. 11 at Western Mich.	*
O. 18 at Eastern Mich.	W
O. 25 Northern Illinois	L
N. 4 at Miami (OH)	*
N. 15 Kent State	W
N. 22 at Ball State	W
N. 28 Toledo	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 Tennessee Tech	W 41-7
S. 14 Missouri	W 51-28
S. 21 at Kansas	W 39-16
O. 5 Ohio	W 72-21
O. 12 at Central Mich.	W 45-35
O. 19 Western Michigan	W 48-45
O. 26 Ball State	W 38-20
N. 2 at Kent State	W 45-14
N. 9 at No. Illinois	L 17-26
N. 16 at South Florida	L 7-29
N. 23 Eastern Michigan	W 63-21
N. 30 at Toledo	L 24-42

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	40.8 ppg	3
Rushing	219.1 ypg	11
Passing	229.8 ypg	49
Total	448.9 ypg	9
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	54
Rushing	153.7 ypg	55
Passing	211.4 ypg	53
Total	365.1 ypg	59
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.75	21

Head Coach: Gregg Brandon

2002 Record (MAC): 9-3 (6-2)

Duke

blue devils

Offense

When coach Carl Franks arrived at Duke from Florida in 1999, the offense was billed as "Airborne." Scrap that. The 2003 Blue Devils will start the attack on the ground, where full-back Alex Wade and tailback Chris Douglas might form the ACC's best one-two punch.

Wade, Duke's MVP in 2002, is so effective because he can run over linebackers even when they know he's coming. Douglas, hampered by an ankle injury for much of last season, has tremendous ability to get outside. Both are capable pass catchers; they combined for 41 receptions last year. The question: Will each get 15 carries per game, or will one be a 25-carry guy?

Adam Smith enters his second year as the starting quarterback and likely won't rotate with backup Chris Dapolito as he did last year. Smith, who became just the third Duke sophomore to throw for 2,000 yards, will have plenty of targets to choose from: Eight Blue Devils caught at least 20 passes last year, and all return. Khary Sharpe is the best deep threat, and Reggie Love could be an outstanding possession receiver.

The line has all five starters back, anchored by 6'8", 300-pound left tackle Drew Strojny. But they must do a better job of pass blocking after allowing more than three sacks per game in '02.

Defense

Tackle Matt Zielinski and middle linebacker Ryan Fowler are all-conference candidates up front, and both are big reasons the Blue Devils led the ACC in run defense last year, allowing just 120.5 yards per game.

There are all kinds of other questions up front.

25 Duke has lost an ACC-record 25 straight league games, dating back to a win over Wake Forest in 1999. No team has ever gone four straight years without a conference win.

Second-year defensive coordinator Ted Roof wants more speed on the outside, and he has some help in outside linebacker Brendan Dewan. But there will be competition at other spots.

The secondary, though, is Roof's primary concern. After safety Terrell Smith — who was in on seven turnovers last year — there are plenty of holes. Cornerback Kenneth Stanford should be solid on one side, but Roof is desperate enough to get speed on the field that true freshmen Cedric Mason and John Talley could get serious looks at the other corner spot.

Specialists

Kicker Brent Garber, strong enough to hit a 56-yard field goal, must do better than 0-for-3 from 30-39 yards. The Devils could get a field-position boost if Douglas is healthy enough to return kicks.

Final Analysis

Duke was far more competitive in 2002 than it had been in the two previous seasons, but the Devils won just two games. Duke lost five games by less than a touchdown, including losses to ACC opponents Virginia, NC State, Clemson and North Carolina by a total of 12 points.

So the first step to leaving the ACC's basement will be figuring out how to win. "We know we can stay in games," Franks says. "We've got to learn how to win now. We've got to close the deal on a couple of these things."

Now, though, they have 20 starters back — 11 on offense and nine more on defense — as well as winnable non-conference games against Western Carolina, Rice and Northwestern. If Franks, who received a contract extension in the off-season, is to stick around, Duke must win games, regardless of who they're against.

The best chance to finish at least eighth in the ACC? Beat Wake Forest, Clemson, Georgia Tech and/or North Carolina, which are all vulnerable. But for perennially vulnerable Duke, that's a tall order.

ACC Prediction: 9th

National Forecast: #78

Alex Wade



Al Koolstra

Depth Chart

Offense (11)

WR 21 Senterrio Landrum (Jr.)	82 Lance Johnson (Jr.)
WR 2 Khary Sharpe (Jr.)	84 Reggie Love (Sr.)
LT 75 Drew Strojny (Sr.)	79 Jim Moravchik (So.)
LG 74 Daryl Lewis (Sr.)	61 Joe Boniewicz (Jr.)
C 70 Luke Bayer (Sr.)	78 Dan Mooney (Jr.)
RG 68 Rusty Wilson (Sr.)	77 Lavdrim Bauta (Fr.)
RT 65 Christian Mitchell (Jr.)	73 Chris Best (So.)
TE 89 Andy Roland (So.)	87 Calen Powell (Jr.)
QB 16 Adam Smith (Jr.)	9 Chris Dapolito (Jr.)
FB 37 Alex Wade (Sr.)	40 Zach Novak (Jr.)
TB 4 Chris Douglas (Sr.)	33 Cedric Dargan (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 55 Micah Harris (Jr.)	97 David Martin (So.)
DT 35 Matt Zielinski (Sr.)	92 Bob Benion (So.)
DT 91 Orrin Thompson (Jr.)	98 Drew Ciepielinski (Jr.)
DE 48 Phillip Alexander (Jr.)	53 Jim Scharrer (Jr.)
LB 13 Giuseppe Aguanno (Jr.)	41 Justin Kitchen (So.)
LB 27 Ryan Fowler (Sr.)	58 Codey Lowe (Fr.)
LB 30 Brendan Dewan (So.)	22 Malcolm Ruff (So.)
CB 3 Kenneth Stanford (Jr.)	15 John-Paul Kimbrough (So.)
CB 20 Temo George (Sr.)	23 Brian Greene (So.)
S 25 Terrell Smith (Sr.)	46 Mark Thompson (So.)
S 17 Alex Green (Jr.)	5 C.J. Woodard (So.)

Special Teams

K 1 Brent Garber (Sr.)
P 18 Trey McDonald (Jr.)
KR 21 Senterrio Landrum (Jr.)
PR 2 Khary Sharpe (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Adam Smith, 174-308-2,031-9, 12 TDs
Rushing:	Alex Wade, 201 car., 979 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Khary Sharpe, 30 rec., 458 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Ryan Fowler, 145, 78 solo
Sacks:	Micah Harris, 4
Interceptions:	3 players with 3 INTs

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Virginia	L
S. 6 Western Carolina	W
S. 13 Rice	W
S. 20 Northwestern	*
S. 27 Florida State	L
O. 11 at Maryland	L
O. 18 Wake Forest	L
O. 25 NC State	L
N. 1 at Tennessee	L
N. 8 Georgia Tech	*
N. 15 at Clemson	L
N. 22 at North Carolina	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 East Carolina	W	23-16
S. 7 Louisville	L	3-40
S. 14 at Northwestern	L	21-26
S. 21 at Florida State	L	17-48
S. 28 at Navy	W	43-17
O. 5 Virginia	L	22-27
O. 12 at Wake Forest	L	10-36
O. 19 at NC State	L	22-24
O. 26 Maryland	L	12-45
N. 2 Clemson	L	31-34
N. 16 at Georgia Tech	L	2-17
N. 23 North Carolina	L	21-23

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.9 ppg	103
Rushing	158.4 ypg	51
Passing	199.9 ypg	69
Total	358.3 ypg	77
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.4 ppg	83
Rushing	120.5 ypg	28
Passing	254.7 ypg	102
Total	375.2 ypg	65
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.17	49

Head Coach: Carl Franks

2002 Record (ACC): 2-10 (0-8)

Marshall

thundering herd

THE HERD Offense

Stan Hill doesn't worry about proving himself to be a worthy replacement for Byron Leftwich as the quarterback in Marshall's high-powered offense. He already has.

Last Nov. 12, Hill started in place of the injured Leftwich and threw for 292 yards and four touchdowns in a 36-34 must-win, nationally televised game against Miami (Ohio). For good measure, Hill also ran for the winning touchdown on the game's final play, putting into motion comparisons to Leftwich and former Thundering Herd star Chad Pennington.

"We're confident in what Stan can do," Marshall coach Bob Pruett says. "We're not going to ask Stan to carry this team by himself."

In fact, expect traditionally pass-oriented Marshall to run more than usual, taking advantage of Hill's mobility and a deep stable of running backs, led by returning starter Butchie Wallace. Speedy Wilbur Hargrove, versatile Earl Charles and bullish Tank Tunstalle also expect to see playing time.

While the Herd figures to run more, it won't abandon the pass, especially with star receivers Darius Watts and Josh Davis back. Watts, whose 3,063 career yards rank first among returning receivers in the nation, has 36 touchdown catches, more than anyone in MAC history.

The key could be a rebuilt offensive line featuring three new starters. Right tackle Nate McPeck and left guard Luke Salmons are joined by a group of talented young players.

Defense

A strong group of linebackers is sandwiched by a young secondary and an undersized defensive front. Dionté Wilson is a first-year starter

11.4 Marshall has averaged 11.4 wins since Bob Pruett took over in 1996. He has an 80-13 record (.860) during that span.

at middle linebacker but has considerable experience. Charles Tynes is a crushing hitter on the weak side, while hard-hitting J.T. Rembert could be on his way to being one of the school's all-time greats on the inside.

Marshall hasn't been happy with its defensive front the last two years and goes into this season with some concerns on the inside, where quickness, size, leadership and depth are potential problems. Junior first-year starter Reggie Hayes and injury-prone Toriano Brown are the tackles. The end positions are more settled and feature plenty of speed in juniors Jamus Martin and Jonathan Goddard.

Junior cornerback Roberto Terrell is the lone returning starter in the secondary. He is joined at corner by sophomore Willie Smith, who has experience in MU's dime package. Junior strong safety Moriah Anderson reminds some of former Herd star Rogers Beckett.

Specialists

Gone is Curtis Head, who handled all the kicking and punting chores. Senior Ben Lewis is expected to get a stiff challenge from freshman Ian O'Connor in vying to replace Head.

Final Analysis

No one in the MAC knows how to win like Marshall, which has captured six straight East Division championships and five of the last six league titles. With a new quarterback and uncertainty on the defensive line and in the secondary, the challenge is greater. Add in a schedule that features games at Tennessee and Kansas State, as well as at Miami (Ohio) and UCF, and that challenge grows greater.

This Marshall team closely resembles the 2000 squad that started 2-4 but finished 8-5 and won the conference championship and a bowl game. While a seventh double-digit victory season in eight years might be too much to ask, Marshall has enough firepower on offense to compete for the league crown again.

MAC East Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #79



Darius Watts

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 40 Darius Watts (Sr.)	6 Nate Manns (So.)
WR 18 Jason Schroeder (Sr.)	31 Marquis Huggins (Jr.)
SL 82 Josh Davis (Jr.)	80 Tremel Guillory (Jr.)
LT 60 Nate Griffin (Jr.)	77 Josh Blakey (Jr.)
LG 78 Luke Salmons (Sr.)	72 Ryan Baynes (So.)
C 70 Joey Stepp (Sr.)	79 Jesse Saito (Jr.)
RG 56 Toby Bullock (So.)	63 Dwayne Robinson (Jr.)
RT 71 Nate McPeck (Sr.)	61 Ryan Nolan (Fr.)
TE 90 Jason Rader (Sr.)	86 Joe Deifel (Jr.)
QB 4 Stan Hill (Jr.)	11 Graham Gochneaur (Jr.)
RB 24 Butchie Wallace (Sr.)	22 Wilbur Hargrove (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 50 Jonathan Goddard (Jr.)	35 Marcus Hairston (Jr.)
DT 98 Reggie Hayes (Jr.)	92 Ace Withrow (So.)
DT 94 Toriano Brown (Sr.)	59 Paul Sinclair (Sr.)
DE 99 Jamus Martin (Jr.)	55 Maurice McKinney (Sr.)
WLB45 Charles Tynes (Sr.)	39 Donté Newsome (So.)
MLB33 Dionté Wilson (Jr.)	5 Kevin Atkins (Jr.)
ILB 32 J.T. Rembert (Jr.)	44 Carlos Morgan (So.)
CB 27 Willie Smith (So.)	26 Chris Royal (So.)
CB 2 Roberto Terrell (Jr.)	9 Ivan Clark (Fr.)
ROV 1 Gladstone Coke (Sr.)	30 Dennis Thornton (So.)
SS 3 Moriah Anderson (Jr.)	25 Curtis Keyes (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Ben Lewis (Sr.)
P 18 Ben Lewis (Sr.)
KR 2 Roberto Terrell (Jr.)
PR 2 Roberto Terrell (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Stan Hill, 52-83-536-5, 5 TDs
Rushing:	Butchie Wallace, 129 car., 614 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving:	Josh Davis, 75 rec., 1,191 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles:	Jamus Martin, 100, 56 solo
Sacks:	Toriano Brown, 5, Jamus Martin, 5
Interceptions:	Roberto Terrell, 3 for 12 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Hofstra	W
S. 6 at Tennessee	L
S. 12 Toledo	L
S. 20 at Kansas State	L
S. 27 at Troy State	W
O. 11 Kent State	W
O. 18 at Buffalo	W
O. 25 at W. Michigan	*
N. 1 Akron	W
N. 12 at Miami (OH)	*
N. 19 at UCF	L
N. 28 Ohio	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Appalachian St.	W	50-17
S. 12 at Virginia Tech	L	21-47
S. 20 UCF	W	26-21
O. 5 at Kent State	W	42-21
O. 12 Buffalo	W	66-21
O. 19 Troy State	W	24-7
O. 26 at C. Michigan	W	23-18
N. 2 at Akron	L	20-34
N. 12 Miami (OH)	W	36-34
N. 23 at Ohio	W	24-21
N. 30 Ball State	W	38-14
D. 7 Toledo	W	49-45
D. 18 #Louisville	W	38-15

#GMAC Bowl

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.2 ppg	12
Rushing	125.8 ypg	84
Passing	369.5 ypg	3
Total	495.3 ypg	3
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.2 ppg	46
Rushing	172.5 ypg	86
Passing	161.5 ypg	6
Total	334.0 ypg	31
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.54	82

Head Coach: Bob Pruett

2002 Record (MAC): 11-2 (7-1)

Vanderbilt commodores

Offense

Vanderbilt welcomes back two key components to its run-based offense — quarterback Jay Cutler and tailback Kwane Doster. Cutler won the starting job last fall as a redshirt freshman and played well enough to earn Freshman All-SEC honors. Cutler is an elusive runner who excels in the Commodores' option packages, but he needs to improve his accuracy after completing fewer than 50 percent of his passes.

Doster broke into the starting lineup as a true freshman after broken legs sidelined Vanderbilt's first- and second-string tailbacks. The speedy Tampa native emerged as one of the top young skill players in the league, rushing for 798 yards on 160 attempts (5.0 ypc), and was named the SEC's Offensive Freshman of the Year. Both Norval McKenzie, who was averaging 7.8 yards per carry before his injury, and Ronald Hatcher are expected to be fully recovered in time for fall practice.

The news isn't so good at wide receiver, where Vanderbilt must replace two seniors — Dan Stricker and M.J. Garrett — who were responsible for 1,002 of the 1,218 yards (82.2 percent) recorded by Commodore wideouts. And the offensive line, which excelled at run-blocking last fall, could also be a weakness. There is very little depth up front.

Defense

The Commodores ranked last in the league in total defense in 2002 and will be without its top four tacklers from a year ago. But despite these major losses, head coach Bobby Johnson is confident he has enough athletic young bodies to build around.

Sophomore Moses Osemwegie (53 tackles in an injury-plagued freshman season) and Otis

Washington are future stars at linebacker. The defensive line features quantity — nine lettermen return — but not much proven quality. With three starters gone, the secondary, on paper, looks like a weak spot, but the Commodores developed some depth at cornerback last year with Dominique Morris, Cheron Thompson and Lorenzo Parker each seeing extensive playing time. Andrew Pace worked his way into the rotation as a true freshman and is a strong candidate to grab one of the open safety spots.

Specialists

The Commodores' special teams suffered a major setback when punter/kicker Greg Johnson, a 2002 first-team Freshman All-American, left the team following spring practice. Incoming freshman Kyle Keown, signed after Johnson departed, will take over the punting duties. Keown had planned on walking-on at Georgia Tech before Vanderbilt came calling with a scholarship offer. The placekicking job is wide open heading into preseason camp.

Final Analysis

Bobby Johnson warned Vanderbilt fans following the Commodores' 2–10 season that things might not be any better during his second year in town. And it's hard to argue with Johnson's assessment. Vanderbilt finished last in the SEC in scoring offense, scoring defense, total offense and total defense. The running game is solid with Cutler and a stable of quality backs, but unless some of the young receivers emerge as legitimate big-play threats, it's difficult to see this offense producing more points in 2003. There is some solid young defensive talent to work with, but learning on the job in the SEC rarely yields positive results. Johnson has recruited relatively well in his short stint at Vanderbilt, but there just isn't enough talent on the roster to make an upward climb in the brutal SEC.

SEC East Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #80



Jay Cutler

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 82 Erik Davis (So.)	16 Chris Young (Jr.)
WR 80 Brandon Smith (Jr.)	18 Keith Williams (So.)
LT 71 Justin Geisinger (Jr.)	62 Ryan King (So.)
LG 76 Brian Kovolis (Jr.)	79 Adam Dossett (Fr.)
C 78 Steven Brent (So.)	74 Jordan Pettit (Jr.)
RG 65 Mac Pyle (So.)	63 Nigel Seaman (So.)
RT 70 Kenan Arkan (Jr.)	66 Blake Luker (Fr.)
TE 81 Nick Getter (Sr.)	87 Curtis Brancheau (Jr.)
QB 6 Jay Cutler (So.)	3 Benji Walker (Sr.)
TB 40 Kwane Doster (So.)	9 Norval McKenzie (Jr.)
FB 28 Matthew Tant (So.)	83 Zeke Brandon (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 91 Jovan Haye (So.)	96 Robert Dinwiddie (Jr.)
DT 77 Trey Holloway (So.)	99 Matt Clay (Jr.)
DT 95 Ralph McKenzie (So.)	69 Aaron Carter (Jr.)
DE 53 Antoine Morgan (So.)	46 Chris Booker (So.)
LB 30 Moses Osemwegie (So.)	42 Marty Morgan (So.)
LB 52 Otis Washington (So.)	44 Pat Brunner (Jr.)
LB 43 Herdley Harrison (So.)	27 Eric Byrum (Jr.)
CB 10 Dominique Morris (So.)	20 Lorenzo Parker (Jr.)
CB 8 Cheron Thompson (So.)	5 Bill Alford (Jr.)
FS 12 Kelechi Ohanaja (So.)	31 Ronnie Swoopes (So.)
SS 36 Andrew Pace (So.)	32 Nick Lyle (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 98 Patrick Johnson (Fr.)
P Kyle Keown (Fr.)
KR 40 Kwane Doster (So.)
PR 82 Erik Davis (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Jay Cutler, 103-212-1,433-9, 10 TDs
Rushing:	Kwane Doster, 160 car., 798 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Brandon Smith, 19 rec., 173 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Moses Osemwegie, 53, 40 solo
Sacks:	Moses Osemwegie, 1.5, Aaron Carter, 1.5
Interceptions:	Herdley Harrison, 1 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Ole Miss	L
S. 6 Chattanooga	W
S. 13 Auburn	L
S. 20 at TCU	L
S. 27 Georgia Tech	L
O. 4 at Mississippi St.	*
O. 11 Navy	W
O. 18 Georgia	L
O. 25 at South Carolina	L
N. 8 at Florida	L
N. 15 Kentucky	L
N. 22 at Tennessee	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Georgia Tech	L 3–45
S. 7 Furman	W 49–18
S. 14 at Auburn	L 6–31
S. 21 at Ole Miss	L 38–45
S. 28 South Carolina	L 14–20
O. 12 Middle Tenn.	L 20–21
O. 19 at Georgia	L 17–48
O. 26 Connecticut	W 28–24
N. 2 Alabama	L 8–30
N. 9 Florida	L 17–21
N. 16 at Kentucky	L 21–41
N. 23 Tennessee	L 0–24

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.4 ppg	109
Rushing	173.5 ypg	43
Passing	139.1 ypg	107
Total	312.6 ypg	110
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.7 ppg	85
Rushing	186.6 ypg	95
Passing	219.2 ypg	62
Total	405.8 ypg	92
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.17	105

Head Coach: Bobby Johnson

2002 Record (SEC): 2–10 (0–8)

UAB blazers

Offense

Quarterback Darrell Hackney, who emerged as the team's starter in week five last season, has the potential to become an all-league player. He went 4-4 in his eight games as a starter, and for the season passed for 1,977 yards and 14 TDs.

Sophomore Dan Burks will be the team's top running back. He started only two games last year, but he impressed coaches throughout the season with his running style. Burks doesn't wow the opposition with his size, but runs hard, plays tough and has a nifty spin move that keeps him moving forward.

Junior Sherrod "Roddy" White appears to be emerging as Hackney's favorite target. A big-play receiver who seems to be at his best late in the season, White made 33 of his team-leading 39 receptions in the team's eight conference games. Blessed with good size (6'2") and speed, White has added strength, which should make him even more effective on routes across the middle.

Sophomores Lance Rhodes and Jhun Cook and junior Chico Cleveland should complement White. Rhodes transferred from Arizona State.

If the Blazers are to have a breakthrough season, it may be due to a deep, experienced offensive line. UAB returns four starters, including veterans Andy Galloway and Wilbert Hamilton, as well as one player (Barker White) who appeared in just one game last season and another (Artavious Williams) who missed the entire 2002 campaign.

Defense

Among the culprits in UAB's disappointing season was a porous defense. Enter Wayne Bolt, the former Troy State defensive coordinator. Under Bolt's watch, the Trojans finished fourth nationally in total defense (276.8 yards per

game), 11th in pass defense and 13th in rushing defense.

Brown was pleased with the defense's progress in the spring as it switched to a 4-3-4 scheme from a 4-2-5. "I think our players have really embraced coach Bolt," he says. "I think they like what we're doing. There is a lot of penetration, a lot of blitzes. I am excited about it."

Bolt hopes the new scheme improves a unit that ranked last in total defense in conference games. There'll be challenges, starting on the defensive line where sophomores Anthony Garrett, Sam Williamson and Chris Mason are listed as starters alongside nose tackle Shamar Abrams, the group's lone returning starter.

There is experience at linebacker with Zac Woodfin, Nigel Eldridge and Gaylon Black, but backups are needed. The new defensive scheme calls for more linebackers than the Blazers had stockpiled.

And in the secondary, starters Dio Hill, Carlos Hendricks, Thurman Pearson and Julius Wainwright are back and will be joined by Warren Butler, who played behind Chris Brown, the team's best defensive player, a year ago.

Specialists

Nick Hayes, a Lou Groza Award semifinalist last year, is back. Hayes connected on 17-of-22 field goals last year and 8-of-11 beyond 40 yards. Redshirt freshman Parker Mullins moves into the punting role.

Final Analysis

UAB's ability to become the dominating defensive team it was two years ago will be the key for the Blazers. UAB led the nation in rushing defense two years ago, but the unit slumped to 57th last year for a variety of reasons, mostly the loss of key personnel.

If Holts' new defensive scheme is effective, and if Hackney stays healthy at quarterback, the Blazers may surprise.

C-USA Prediction: 8th
National Forecast: #81



Darrell Hackney

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 10 Roddy White (Jr.)	9 Carl Duncan (So.)
WR 87 Chico Cleveland (Jr.)	5 Jhun Cook (So.)
FL* 12 Lance Rhodes (So.)	3 Jason Southall (Jr.)
LT 70 Wilbert Hamilton (Sr.)	71 Emilio Thompson (So.)
LG 72 Andy Galloway (Jr.)	78 Anthony Larry (So.)
C 50 Matt Batusic (So.)	63 Rodney Outlaw (Jr.)
RG 61 Larry Coachman (Sr.)	64 Alan Klinner (So.)
RT 75 Artavious Williams (Sr.)	54 Barker White (Jr.)
TE 89 Sam Dudley (Jr.)	80 Cedric Hampton (So.)
QB 4 Darrell Hackney (So.)	17 Curtis Falany (Fr.)
RB 34 Dan Burks (So.)	32 Bo Moncur (Fr.)
FB 6 Kendal Gibson (Jr.)	2 Theron Dudley (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 94 Anthony Garrett (So.)	42 Sam Kendrick (So.)
DT 90 Sam Williamson (So.)	96 Quinton Harris (Fr.)
NT 93 Shamar Abrams (Jr.)	99 Tony Williams (So.)
DE 49 Chris Mason (So.)	85 Shane Pearson (Sr.)
LB 53 Gaylon Black (Jr.)	7 Kyle Bissinger (Fr.)
LB 59 Nigel Eldridge (Jr.)	45 DeMarcus Rodgers (Jr.)
LB 58 Zac Woodfin (Jr.)	40 Darrius Taylor (So.)
CB 20 Dio Hill (Jr.)	35 Warren Butler (Sr.)
CB 19 Carlos Hendricks (Jr.)	11 Thomas Arnold (So.)
SS 8 Thurman Pearson (Sr.)	31 Brandon Register (Fr.)
FS 24 Julius Wainwright (So.)	22 Justin Whitmore (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 60 Nick Hayes (Jr.)
P 86 Parker Mullins (Fr.)
KR 3 Jason Southall (Jr.)
PR 34 Dan Burks (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Darrell Hackney, 149-293-1,977-7, 14 TDs
Rushing:	Dan Burks, 124 car., 554 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Roddy White, 39 rec., 580 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Zac Woodfin, 120, 74 solo
Sacks:	Zac Woodfin, 5
Interceptions:	Carlos Hendricks, 3 for 17 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

8 The Blazers head into the 2003 season with just eight seniors on their roster.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Baylor	W
S. 4 Southern Miss	L
S. 13 Troy State	W
S. 20 at South Carolina	L
O. 4 at Memphis	L
O. 11 Cincinnati	*
O. 18 at TCU	L
O. 25 at Georgia	L
N. 1 Army	W
N. 8 Tulane	L
N. 22 at South Florida	L
N. 29 at Houston	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Florida	L 3-51
S. 7 Troy State	W 27-26
S. 14 Pittsburgh	L 20-26
S. 21 at UL-Lafayette	L 0-34
S. 28 Memphis	W 31-17
O. 12 Houston	W 51-34
O. 19 at Tulane	L 14-35
O. 26 at Army	W 29-26
N. 9 Southern Miss	L 13-20
N. 16 East Carolina	W 36-29
N. 23 at Louisville	L 21-41
N. 30 at Cincinnati	L 23-31

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ypg	90
Rushing	130.2 ypg	78
Passing	184.5 ypg	80
Total	314.7 ypg	107
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.8 ppg	86
Rushing	154.0 ypg	57
Passing	228.2 ypg	76
Total	382.2 ypg	68
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	56

Head Coach: Watson Brown

2002 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (4-4)

Stanford

cardinal

Offense

Stanford has serious issues to solve at quarterback, running back and wide receiver, but coach Buddy Teevens' main question involves blocking. Who's going to do it?

The Cardinal, 2-9 a year ago, is hurting on the offense line with only one experienced returnee in three-year starter Kirk Chambers, the left tackle. Kwame Harris' early departure for the NFL complicated an already dire situation, and now Teevens will have to rely on a host of unproven players, including seven red-shirt freshmen.

Senior quarterback Chris Lewis, who started only five games a year ago before being sidelined with rotator cuff damage that eventually required surgery, will have to win back his job from sophomore Kyle Matter, who started six games in 2002. Both struggled in 2002.

Senior receiver Luke Powell is coming off a campaign in which he was severely limited by a badly sprained ankle, so he needs a return to form.

At tailback, either Kenneth Tolon, who rushed for 346 yards and four touchdowns in a reserve role, or J.R. Lemon must prove to be ready to carry the load for Stanford's rebuilt offense.

Defense

The hope on The Farm is based on seven returning starters on defense. On the line, Teevens is hoping the tremendous raw talent of players like junior Amon Gordon and sophomores Julian Jenkins and Babatunde Oshinowo will translate into production.

The top six linebackers from the 2002 squad return. The unit is so strong that David Bergeron, who started at one of the outside

positions last season, will move inside to split time with Jake Covault. That will open the way for talented sophomore Michael Craven to take over full-time at one of the outside linebacker slots.

Cornerbacks Stanley Wilson and Leigh Torrence are returning starters, but Teevens will take a look at Grant Mason, a wide receiver who got some looks on defense in the spring, and sophomores Calvin Armstrong and T.J. Rushing. Stanford must find a way to shore up a secondary that gave up 252 yards passing per game last season. One player who should be solid is junior free safety Oshiomogho Atogwe, who led the team with 71 tackles.

Specialists

Both kickers return from 2002, but both need to show improvement. Punter Eric Johnson averaged 39.8 yards on 58 punts in 2002, and Teevens would like to see more consistency from him. Placekicker Michael Sgroi hit 9-of-15 field goals and had three misses inside 40 yards. A healthy Powell should return to his sophomore form, when he averaged 16 yards per punt return.

Final Analysis

Although Teevens built his reputation on his offensive savvy, Stanford's hopes will probably rest on its defense. Skeptics will wonder how much improvement can be expected of players who allowed 34.3 points per game, but Stanford has its share of physically gifted athletes who might come into their own after a year's worth of seasoning.

Year Two of the Teevens' regime might yield a lot of improvement without the wins to show for it. After its opener at home against an improved San Jose State team, Stanford will depart on road trips for games at BYU, Washington and USC. The schedule might prove to be a killer for a young team trying to find its way.

2 Stanford won just two games in the first year of the Buddy Teevens era. It was the school's lowest win total since the 1983 club went 1-10.

2003 Schedule

S. 6	San Jose State	*
S. 20	at BYU	L
S. 27	at Washington	L
O. 11	at USC	L
O. 18	Washington State	L
O. 25	at Oregon	L
N. 1	UCLA	L
N. 8	Arizona State	L
N. 15	at Oregon State	L
N. 22	California	*
N. 29	Notre Dame	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 7	at Boston Coll.	L	27-34
S. 14	San Jose St.	W	63-26
S. 28	at Arizona St.	L	24-65
O. 5	at Notre Dame	L	7-31
O. 12	Washington St.	L	11-36
O. 19	Arizona	W	16-6
O. 26	at UCLA	L	18-28
N. 2	at Oregon	L	14-41
N. 9	USC	L	17-49
N. 16	Oregon State	L	21-31
N. 23	at California	L	7-30

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.5 ppg	97
Rushing	133.2 ypg	76
Passing	178.2 ypg	88
Total	311.4 ypg	111
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.3 ppg	99
Rushing	132.7 ypg	39
Passing	252.0 ypg	101
Total	384.7 ypg	70
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.45	78

Head Coach: Buddy Teevens

2002 Record (Pac-10): 2-9 (1-7)

Pac-10 Prediction: 9th
National Forecast: #82



Luke Powell

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR	6 Luke Powell (Sr.)	80 Nick Sebes (Jr.)
FL	23 Greg Camarillo (Jr.)	86 Gerren Crochet (So.)
LT	67 Kirk Chambers (Sr.)	75 Matt McClernan (Fr.)
LG	68 Ismail Simpson (Fr.)	74 David Beall (Fr.)
C	71 Brian Head (So.)	62 Tim Mattran (Fr.)
RG	70 Jeff Edwards (Fr.)	65 Josiah Vinson (Fr.)
RT	63 Mike Sullivan (Sr.)	78 Jon Cochran (Fr.)
TE	88 Brett Pierce (Sr.)	81 Alex Smith (Jr.)
QB	10 Chris Lewis (Sr.)	11 Kyle Matter (So.)
RB	26 Kenneth Tolon (Jr.)	28 J.R. Lemon (So.)
FB	41 Cooper Blackhurst (Sr.)	34 Kris Bonifas (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	90 Louis Hobson (Sr.)	91 Michael Lovelady (So.)
DT	18 Amon Gordon (Jr.)	98 Scott Scharff (Jr.)
NT	96 Babatunde Oshinowo (So.)	92 Casey Carroll (So.)
DE	85 Will Svitek (Jr.)	94 Julian Jenkins (So.)
OLB	42 Michael Craven (So.)	47 Kevin Schimmelmann (So.)
MLB	48 David Bergeron (Jr.)	38 Jake Covault (Sr.)
OLB	17 Jared Newberry (Jr.)	37 Jon Alston (So.)
CB	2 Stanley Wilson (Jr.)	8 Grant Mason (So.)
CB	29 Leigh Torrence (Jr.)	35 T.J. Rushing (So.)
FS	21 Oshiomogho Atogwe (Jr.)	34 Marcus McCutcheon (So.)
SS	46 Timi Wusu (So.)	24 Trevor Hooper (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	15 Michael Sgroi (So.)
P	39 Eric Johnson (Sr.)
KR	8 Grant Mason (So.)
PR	6 Luke Powell (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Kyle Matter, 116-214-1,219-10, 8 TDs
Rushing:	Kenneth Tolon, 66 car., 346 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Alex Smith, 30 rec., 380 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Oshiomogho Atogwe, 71, 47 solo
Sacks:	Amon Gordon, 4
Interceptions:	Leigh Torrence, 3 for 55 yds., Oshiomogho Atogwe, 3 for 43 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Indiana hoosiers

Offense

Indiana intends to ride its high-octane offense to success. The Hoosiers set a new single-season mark for passing yards (3,020) in their first year under head coach Gerry DiNardo and offensive coordinator Al Borges. That record figures to fall when former Notre Dame quarterback Matt LoVecchio makes his highly anticipated debut in Bloomington and provides a major upgrade. Borges' eyes illuminate when the topic turns to LoVecchio — and with good reason. LoVecchio possesses the mind, arm and mobility to pull off anything Borges asks.

Hoosier receivers figure to cash in on LoVecchio's talents. Courtney Roby and Glenn Johnson excel after the catch and are on par with any Big Ten tandem. Both grabbed more than 50 catches in 2002, an Indiana first, and figure to better all their impressive marks with LoVecchio delivering the ball. Expanded roles for sure-handed No. 3 receiver Tyke Spencer and tight end Aaron Halterman are also expected.

Borges' main concern lies with a patchwork offensive line. The guards figure to be strong with Chris Jahnke and Adam Hines. LoVecchio's wheels figure to cut the line some slack, but it still must provide adequate protection and pave the way for capable running backs Brian Lewis and Yamar Washington. With some holes, Lewis and Washington can provide the balance Indiana needs to exceed expectations.

Defense

After absorbing its share of beatings last season, Indiana's defense spent the off-season in the weight room getting bigger, stronger and faster. Defensive coordinator Tim Kish wants

the middle of his defense to be this unit's foundation. That's exactly where opponents overwhelmed the Hoosiers a year ago, and depth remains a major concern.

Indiana's secondary held up better than expected and continues to make strides. Damien Jones and Leonard Bryant are the best pair of coverage cornerbacks the team has fielded in years. The Hoosiers will deploy three safeties with senior Joe Gonzalez, the backfield's leader, at free safety, Will Lumpkin at strong safety and Herana-Daze Jones at rover.

Questions still abound about Indiana's defensive backs. The skepticism stems from a lack of challenges. Hoosiers' opponents usually ran to victory, victimizing Indiana's front seven. The opposition will deal with a bulked up front six — IU will run a 4-2-5 this fall — but the only playmaker is sophomore linebacker Kyle Killion. His presence in the middle could single-handedly lead to a better defense against the run.

Specialists

Bryan Robertson and Tyson Beattie provide Indiana with a solid kicking game. Robertson finally ended the Hoosiers' placekicking woes and is extremely accurate from long range. He's entrenched at kicker, but also serves as the No. 2 punter behind Beattie.

Final Analysis

DiNardo's rebuilding project marches onward, and the Hoosiers grow closer to a bowl bid every day. It will, however, take more days than the 2003 season holds to make Indiana a legitimate postseason contender.

LoVecchio and the offense will post big numbers, but the Hoosiers' undoing will be inexperience and the uncertain status of their offensive and defensive fronts. Indiana's inability to consistently run or stop the run makes Big Ten competition a tall order. Until that changes, DiNardo's reconstruction will continue in Bloomington.

Big Ten Prediction: 10th
National Forecast: #83



Courtney Roby

Steve Wollmann

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

FL	19 Courtney Roby (Jr.)	2 Tyke Spencer (So.)
SE	9 Glenn Johnson (Sr.)	80 Travis Haney (Jr.)
LT	76 Isaac Sowells (So.)	79 Scott Anderson (Fr.)
LG	75 Adam Hines (So.)	77 Jacob Wagner (Jr.)
C	73 Brandon Hatcher (So.)	50 Chris Mangiero (Fr.)
RG	72 Chris Jahnke (Jr.)	70 Paul Hearn (Fr.)
RT	60 Justin Frye (Fr.)	70 Paul Hearn (Fr.)
TE	87 Aaron Halterman (Jr.)	83 Matt O'Neal (Fr.)
QB	10 Matt LoVecchio (Jr.)	12 Graeme McFarland (Fr.)
RB	3 Brian Lewis (Sr.)	33 Yamar Washington (So.)
FB	34 John Pannozzo (So.)	45 Alex Stscherban (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE	56 Jodie Clemons (Jr.)	92 Kenny Kendal (Fr.)
DT	97 Martin Lapostolle (Jr.)	96 Chris Beatty (Jr.)
NG	55 Russ Richardson (So.)	97 Martin Lapostolle (Jr.)
DE	94 Victor Adeyanju (So.)	91 Eli Radke (Jr.)
MLB	43 Kyle Killion (So.)	64 Randy Cate (Jr.)
SLB	48 Kevin Smith (Jr.)	90 Andy Halterman (Fr.)
ROV	21 Herana-Daze Jones (Jr.)	31 Luke Stone (Jr.)
CB	6 Damien Jones (So.)	42 Duane Stone (Sr.)
CB	26 Leonard Bryant (So.)	7 Steve Gunter (Fr.)
SS	4 Will Lumpkin (So.)	31 Luke Stone (Jr.)
FS	25 Joe Gonzalez (Sr.)	4 Will Lumpkin (So.)

Special Teams

K	18 Bryan Robertson (Jr.)
P	44 Tyson Beattie (Fr.)
KR	19 Courtney Roby (Jr.)
PR	9 Glenn Johnson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Glenn Johnson, 1-1-26-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Yamar Washington, 174 car., 688 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving:	Courtney Roby, 59 rec., 1,039 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	John Kerr, 114, 75 solo
Sacks:	3 players with 2 sacks
Interceptions:	Damien Jones, 3 for 11 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

20 Indiana played 20 true or redshirt freshman last season. Eleven first-year players started at some point in the season and nine were considered regular starters.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Connecticut	*
S. 6	at Washington	L
S. 13	Indiana State	W
S. 20	Kentucky	L
S. 27	at Michigan	L
O. 4	at Michigan State	*
O. 11	Northwestern	*
O. 25	Ohio State	L
N. 1	at Minnesota	L
N. 8	Illinois	L
N. 15	at Penn State	L
N. 22	Purdue	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	William & Mary	W	25-17
S. 7	at Utah	L	13-40
S. 14	at Kentucky	L	17-27
S. 21	Central Michigan	W	39-29
S. 28	at Ohio State	L	17-45
O. 12	Wisconsin	W	32-29
O. 19	Iowa	L	8-24
O. 26	at Illinois	L	14-45
N. 2	at Northwestern	L	37-41
N. 9	Michigan State	L	21-56
N. 16	Penn State	L	25-58
N. 23	at Purdue	L	10-34

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5 ppg	95
Rushing	116.5 ypg	93
Passing	251.7 ypg	33
Total	368.2 ypg	69
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	37.1 ppg	109
Rushing	234.9 ypg	113
Passing	193.5 ypg	33
Total	428.4 ypg	101
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-12	-1.00	97

Head Coach: Gerry DiNardo

2002 Record (Big Ten): 3-9 (1-7)

San Jose State

spartans

Offense

San Jose State coach Dr. Fitz Hill took his share of criticism at the start of the 2002 season when he benched record-setting senior Marcus Arroyo in lieu of unproven junior college transfer Scott Rislov.

There was, however, no second-guessing at the end of the season. Rislov ranked among the top 30 quarterbacks nationally in total offense (24th) and passing efficiency (30th) and set five school passing records. He also put up an impressive 4.0 grade-point average and is being touted by the school for Academic All-American honors this year.

Rislov is one of seven returning starters on what figures to be a potent offense for the Spartans. Junior college transfer Tyson Thompson is expected to be one of the top newcomers in the WAC this year. He should give a significant boost to a ground game that averaged just 112 yards per game. Thompson will have some tough competition for playing time, however. The Spartans' three top rushers — junior Lamar Ferguson, junior Lance Martin and senior Damarcus Ingram — all return.

Three of Rislov's top four targets are back. Jamall Broussard led the team with 62 receptions, while Kendrick Starling and Tuati Wooden also had solid seasons. The trio combined for 146 catches and 12 touchdowns.

Defense

Whether the Spartans can make a legitimate run at the WAC title will depend largely upon how much the defense improves. San Jose State allowed a pitiful 4.8 yards per carry and 192.9 rushing yards per game. The Spartans also

struggled badly against the pass, allowing 32 touchdown passes and over 300 yards passing per game.

Senior Philip Perry, one of eight returning starters, anchors the defensive line. He finished tied for third in the nation with seven forced fumbles and also had seven sacks. Both starting tackles, senior Steve Nash and sophomore Kinji Green, also return. And a big boost figures to come in the fall when highly regarded junior college defensive linemen Eddie Brown, Andrew Paopao and Michael Hodges all join the club.

The secondary returns three starters, including senior safety Gerald Jones, who finished third in the nation with eight interceptions.

Specialists

The Spartans must replace punter Michael Carr, placekicker Nick Gilliam and star return man Charles Pauley.

Senior Bryce Partridge and junior Jeff Carr are battling for the No. 1 punting job, while true freshman Jeff Ferrier, rated the top placekicker in California by one scouting service, is expected to take over placekicking and kickoff duties.

Final Analysis

With seven starters returning on offense, including Rislov, the Spartans should be able to score their share of points again this season. The big question is, can they stop anybody? Hill made upgrading his team's leaky defense a top priority in the spring and seemed to be satisfied with the results. The Spartans should also benefit from a more realistic and less rigorous travel schedule. San Jose State must visit The Swamp to play Florida on Aug. 30, but the only other non-conference road trip is a short bus ride to Palo Alto to play Bay Area rival Stanford. And three byes should prove to be beneficial to a team that still has just 71 players on scholarship. If the Spartans can avoid key injuries and play solid defense, they might make a run at the WAC title.

WAC Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #84



Scott Rislov

Scott Boehm

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 1 Kendrick Starling (Sr.)	25 Clarence Cunningham (Jr.)
WR 3 Tuati Wooden (Sr.)	89 Casey Miranda (Jr.)
WR 11 Jamall Broussard (Sr.)	80 Rufus Skillern (So.)
LT 70 Joseph Hayes (Sr.)	79 Reggie Candler (Sr.)
LG 65 Kevin Israel (Sr.)	60 Mark Manning (So.)
C 77 LaMons Walker (Sr.)	76 Matt Cantu (Fr.)
RG 66 Justin Arrington (Sr.)	63 Eric Olson (Jr.)
RT 78 Jeff Gordon (Sr.)	73 Osmar Staples (Jr.)
TE 19 Courtney Anderson (Sr.)	Leon Pinky (Jr.)
QB 5 Scott Rislov (Sr.)	16 Beau Pierce (Jr.)
TB Tyson Thompson (Jr.)	36 Damarcus Ingram (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 49 Tony Ficklin (Jr.)	Michael Hodges (Jr.)
DT 69 Kinji Green (So.)	40 Steve Nash (Sr.)
DT 54 Larnell Ransom (So.)	93 Jason Gustus (Jr.)
DE 56 Philip Perry (Sr.)	94 Sean McNamara (Jr.)
LB 35 Onyeka Ossai (Sr.)	29 Mike Liranzo (Jr.)
LB 9 Paul Okumu (Sr.)	55 Michael Smith (Sr.)
CB 34 Trestin George (So.)	Jerrell Hardy (Jr.)
CB 24 Malcolm Thompson (So.)	18 Quincy Washington (Sr.)
S 33 Josh Powell (Jr.)	7 Zack Rance (Sr.)
S 21 Eric Wilson (Jr.)	22 Melvin Cook (Sr.)
S 38 Gerald Jones (Sr.)	15 Brian Nunez (So.)

Special Teams

K	Jeff Ferrier (Jr.)
P	97 Bryce Partridge (Sr.)
KR	1 Kendrick Starling (Sr.)
PR	1 Kendrick Starling (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Scott Rislov, 275-449-3,251-14, 22 TDs
 Rushing: Lamar Ferguson, 128 car., 634 yds., 8 TDs
 Receiving: Jamall Broussard, 62 rec., 681 yds., 5 TDs
 Tackles: Josh Powell, 86, 42 solo, Gerald Jones, 86, 60 solo
 Sacks: Philip Perry, 7
 Interceptions: Gerald Jones, 8 for 116 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

116 The Spartan defense allowed an average of 300.5 passing yards per game in 2002. That ranked the Spartans 116th out of 117 Division I-A schools.

2003 Schedule

A. 23 Grambling	W
A. 30 at Florida	L
S. 6 at Stanford	*
S. 18 Nevada	W
O. 4 at Rice	W
O. 11 SMU	W
O. 25 at Boise State	L
N. 1 Hawaii	L
N. 8 at UTEP	W
N. 15 at Fresno State	L
N. 22 Tulsa	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Arkansas State	W	33-14
S. 7 at Washington	L	10-34
S. 14 at Stanford	L	26-63
S. 21 at Illinois	W	38-35
S. 28 UTEP	W	58-24
O. 5 at SMU	W	34-23
O. 12 at Ohio State	L	7-50
O. 19 at Nevada	L	24-52
O. 26 Boise State	L	8-45
N. 2 at Hawaii	L	31-40
N. 9 Louisiana Tech	W	42-30
N. 16 at Tulsa	W	49-38
N. 23 Fresno State	L	16-19

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	43
Rushing	112.2 ypg	99
Passing	263.4 ypg	24
Total	375.6 ypg	56
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.9 ppg	106
Rushing	192.9 ypg	98
Passing	300.5 ypg	116
Total	493.4 ypg	115
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.46	40

Head Coach: Fitz Hill

2002 Record (WAC): 6-7 (4-4)

Connecticut huskies

Offense

UConn has built an explosive offense around quarterback Dan Orlovsky and running back Terry Caulley. The 6'5" Orlovsky has blossomed into an accurate passer and effective leader, while the diminutive Caulley, who was passed over by virtually every other Division I-A school, burst on the scene a year ago with over 1,200 yards rushing. Caulley led the nation's freshman by averaging 124.7 yards rushing per game in 2002 and capped his season with 191 yards on 32 carries in a win over Iowa State.

Orlovsky missed all of spring practice with a stress fracture in his right foot, but it is not expected to affect him this fall. Orlovsky started all 12 games last season and completed 60.4 percent of his passes for more than 2,400 yards and 19 touchdowns. Pro scouts have already started sniffing around Storrs.

The Huskies could make the offense a three-ring circus if wide receiver Seth Fogarty, a finalist for West Virginia high school Player of the Year honors, can contribute right away. Fogarty had 110 catches for 2,003 yards and 22 touchdowns in his last two years at Morgantown High and was recruited by several major programs, including West Virginia, Penn State and Alabama. His older brother, Shane, is a quarterback at UConn. If Fogarty isn't quite ready, the Huskies have a strong group of young receivers ready to contribute.

Replacing tight end Tommy Collins, the team's leading receiver in 2002, is another issue. Tim Lassen is somewhat plodding but has a knack for getting open and hanging onto the ball.

Defense

The Huskies ranked fifth in the nation in pass defense and 19th in total defense last year. The biggest improvement, though, was in

4 UConn won four straight games by a combined score of 199-55 to end the 2002 season.

points allowed. UConn gave up 35 points or more eight times in 2001 but only surrendered that many in two games last season.

The Huskies welcome back eight starters, including linebacker Maurice Lloyd, the team's leading tackler in 2002, and defensive end Uyi Osunde, the team leader in sacks (9.5). The front seven also includes defensive end Tyler King, whose father, Steve, played linebacker for the Patriots in the early '70s, senior tackle Sean Mulcahy and mobile linebackers Alfred Fincher and James Hargrave.

The secondary is more fluid. Injuries prevented the projected starting cornerbacks — Justin Perkins (knee) and Marlon Jones (shoulder) — from participating fully in spring practice. Safeties Terrance Smith and Chris Meyer provide stability.

Specialists

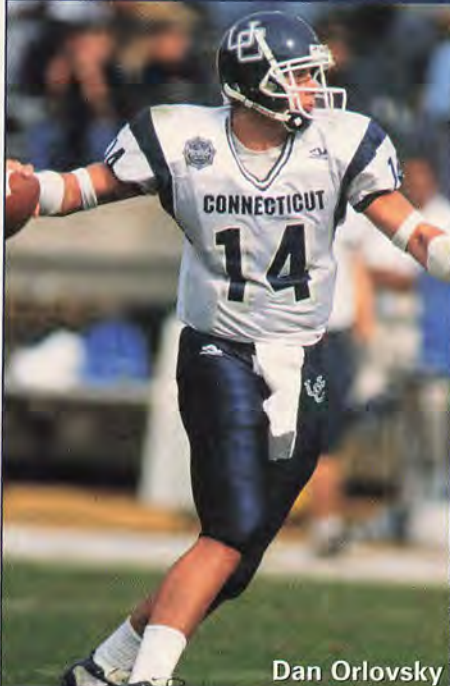
Redshirt freshman Matt Nuzie will be asked to replace Marc Hickok, who set a school record by converting 47 straight extra points. Senior punter Adam Coles, a former Australian Rules player, has a 39.8-yard career average. He needs to become a little more consistent.

Final Analysis

The Huskies created tremendous momentum by winning the last four games of the 2002 season, including a shocking upset of Iowa State. The cupboard in Storrs is slowly but surely being filled with Division I-A talent as the Huskies make their eventual climb to the Big East. UConn will receive another boost with this season's move to a new 40,000-seat stadium in East Hartford, 25 miles from campus. The Huskies open against Indiana on Aug. 30 and also play Boston College (at home), Wake Forest, Virginia Tech and N.C. State. The schedule is balanced with the likes of Lehigh, Buffalo, Akron and Army, so another run at .500 or better is well within reach for the improving UConn football program.

Independent

National Forecast: #85



Dan Orlovsky

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 80 Jason Williams (So.)	88 O'Neil Wilson (Jr.)
WR 83 Brandon Young (So.)	87 Shaun Feldeisen (Sr.)
LT 73 Ryan Krug (Jr.)	74 Michael Kodish (So.)
LG 54 Brian Markowski (Jr.)	66 Laurence Oliver (Sr.)
C 58 Billy Irwin (Jr.)	56 Jeff Fox (Jr.)
RG 78 Grant Preston (So.)	64 LeAndre Dupree (Jr.)
RT 72 Craig Perry (Fr.)	78 Grant Preston (So.)
TE 91 Tim Lassen (So.)	36 Terry McClowry (Sr.)
QB 7 Dan Orlovsky (Jr.)	19 Jermell Williams (So.)
TB 44 Terry Caulley (So.)	33 Cornell Brockington (Fr.)
FB 30 Deon Anderson (So.)	29 Evan Benson (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 Uyi Osunde (Sr.)	95 Hakeem Kashama (Sr.)
DT 92 Ryan Bushey (Sr.)	76 Deon McPhee (So.)
DT 99 Sean Mulcahy (Sr.)	93 Rhema Fuller (Fr.)
DE 52 Tyler King (Jr.)	57 Matt Applebaum (Fr.)
SLB 38 James Hargrave (So.)	20 Kinnan Herriott (Jr.)
MLB 48 Alfred Fincher (Jr.)	45 Cedric Baylor (Sr.)
WLB 11 Maurice Lloyd (Jr.)	47 Taurien Sowell (So.)
CB 2 Justin Perkins (So.)	41 Ernest Cole (Fr.)
CB 32 Marlon Jones (Jr.)	23 Cathlyn Clarke (So.)
SS 5 Chris Meyer (Sr.)	12 John Fletcher (Jr.)
FS 22 Terrance Smith (Sr.)	35 M.J. Estep (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 98 Matt Nuzie (So.)
P 6 Adam Coles (Sr.)
KR 4 Jason Dellaselva (Sr.)
PR 83 Brandon Young (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Dan Orlovsky, 221-366-2,488-11, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Terry Caulley, 220 car., 1,247 yds., 15 TDs
Receiving:	Shaun Feldeisen, 33 rec., 425 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Maurice Lloyd, 113, 78 solo
Sacks:	Uyi Osunde, 9.5
Interceptions:	Maurice Lloyd, 4 for 94 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Indiana	*
S. 6 at Army	W
S. 13 Boston College	L
S. 20 at Buffalo	W
S. 27 at Virginia Tech	L
O. 4 Lehigh	W
O. 11 at NC State	L
O. 18 at Kent State	W
O. 25 Akron	*
N. 1 Western Michigan	*
N. 8 Rutgers	*
N. 15 at Wake Forest	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Boston Coll.	L 16-24
S. 7 Georgia Tech	L 14-31
S. 14 at Buffalo	W 24-3
S. 21 Ohio	W 37-19
S. 28 Ball State	L 21-24
O. 5 at Miami	L 14-48
O. 19 Temple	L 24-38
O. 26 at Vanderbilt	L 24-28
N. 2 Florida Atlantic	W 61-14
N. 9 Kent State	W 63-21
N. 16 at Navy	W 38-0
N. 23 at Iowa State	W 37-20

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.1 ppg	28
Rushing	136.6 ypg	72
Passing	222.6 ypg	55
Total	359.2 ypg	75
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.5 ppg	36
Rushing	155.7 ypg	59
Passing	160.4 ypg	5
Total	316.1 ypg	19
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+12	+1.00	16

Head Coach: Randy Edsall

2002 Record: 6-6

Northwestern wildcats

Offense

Get the highlight reels ready, because when quarterback Brett Basanez and running back Jason Wright get together in Northwestern's spread offense, you won't want to miss the show.

Despite missing two games with a broken leg, Basanez still led the Big Ten in total offense during the regular season and led all freshmen nationwide in passing yardage last year. Meanwhile, Wright topped that by finishing among the nation's leaders in all-purpose, kick-off return and rushing yardage. He fumbled once in 219 carries.

With those two leading the way, the dozen or so other skill players will have to compete for time and touches. Speed is all over the place, starting with backup quarterbacks Alexander Webb and Derrell Jenkins and backup running backs Noah Herron and Terrell Jordan. Three-year starter Kunle Patrick, who has a 34-game reception streak, leads a deep and talented receiving corps.

The only true concern on offense is who will replace four-year starting center and team leader Austin King. Several players tried out for the job this spring but no one was particularly impressive. Returning starters Trai Essex and Matt Ulrich, along with Zach Strief, a three-game starter in '02, will have to carry the load early on.

Defense

Defense was a big problem last year for the Wildcats, who gave up 502 yards and 41 points per game. Injuries and inexperience were the two culprits. At least the experience part should be fixed this year.

5.6 Tailback Jason Wright's 5.6-yard average was the second-best single-season mark ever at Northwestern.

All seven underclassmen who played significant time along the defensive line return, led by third-year starting tackle Colby Clark and end Loren Howard. At linebacker, team leader Pat Durr returns after missing the majority of the 2002 season with a torn ACL. In Durr's absence, a host of underclassmen earned playing time, led by Doug Szymul, John Pickens, Ryan Peterson and three sophomores.

In the secondary, four experienced returnees will combine with three converted running backs. With such deep rosters of experienced linemen and linebackers, coach Randy Walker hopes to be as creative defensively as the Wildcats are offensively.

Specialists

Brian Huffman, who ranked third in the Big Ten in punting last year, faces three challengers for the placekicker job. Wright and cornerback Jeff Backes formed the nation's sixth-best kick return duo last year. Patrick will handle punt returns.

Final Analysis

Since Walker installed a spread offense three years ago, the Wildcats have been an offensive juggernaut — averaging 29.5 points per game — but rather meek defensively. With 16 starters returning this year, excuses are out of vogue.

"We weren't a very good football team last year," Walker says. "It doesn't matter if we were young or if we had injuries, we have to get better. But the silver lining in that dark cloud is that we played a lot of kids who are going to be here two or three years. It's amazing what a winter and growing up can do for you."

Get the scoreboard warmed up again because there's still no antidote for Northwestern's spread offense. If the defense does its part against a schedule that features seven opponents who went to bowl games last year, the Wildcats may be able to terminate their lease on the Big Ten basement.

Big Ten Prediction: 11th
National Forecast: #86

Jason Wright



Steve Woltmann

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 80 Kunle Patrick (Sr.)	4 Roger Jordan (Sr.)
WR 2 Ashton Aikens (Jr.)	4 Roger Jordan (Sr.)
WR 9 Mark Philmore (So.)	5 Brandon Horn (So.)
LT 76 Trai Essex (Jr.)	79 Rick McDole (Fr.)
LG 64 Matt Ulrich (Jr.)	54 Donnie Baskin (Jr.)
C 69 Jim Devine (Fr.)	75 Vince Clarke (So.)
RG 65 Bill Newton (Jr.)	54 Donnie Baskin (Jr.)
RT 63 Zach Strief (So.)	79 Rick McDole (Fr.)
TE 7 Ray Bogenrief (Sr.)	47 Taylor Jones (So.)
QB 14 Brett Basanez (So.)	16 Alexander Webb (Fr.)
RB 18 Jason Wright (Sr.)	33 Noah Herron (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 96 Greg Lutzen (So.)	92 David Thompson (So.)
DT 94 Luis Castillo (Jr.)	67 Barry Cofield (So.)
DT 97 Colby Clark (Jr.)	68 Ron Bardwell (Fr.)
DE 66 Loren Howard (So.)	56 Ryan Keenan (Fr.)
LB 51 John Pickens (Jr.)	45 Braden Jones (So.)
LB 3 Pat Durr (Sr.)	49 Doug Szymul (Sr.)
LB 41 Tim McGarigle (So.)	49 Doug Szymul (Sr.)
CB 28 Jeff Backes (So.)	24 Herschel Henderson (Jr.)
CB 20 Marquice Cole (So.)	31 Marvin Ward (Jr.)
S 8 Dominique Price (Jr.)	21 Bryan Heinz (Fr.)
S 29 Torri Stuckey (Sr.)	34 Louis Ayeni (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 15 Slade Larscheid (Fr.)
P 99 Brian Huffman (Jr.)
KR 18 Jason Wright (Sr.)
PR 80 Kunle Patrick (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Brett Basanez, 190-325-2,204-7, 7 TDs
Rushing:	Jason Wright, 219 car., 1,234 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving:	Kunle Patrick, 49 rec., 558 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Doug Szymul, 106, 47 solo
Sacks:	4 players with 1 sack
Interceptions:	4 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Kansas	*
S. 6 Air Force	L
S. 13 Miami (OH)	L
S. 20 at Duke	*
S. 27 at Ohio State	L
O. 4 Minnesota	L
O. 11 at Indiana	*
O. 25 Wisconsin	L
N. 1 at Purdue	L
N. 8 Penn State	L
N. 15 Michigan	L
N. 22 at Illinois	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Air Force	L 3-52
S. 7 TCU	L 24-48
S. 14 Duke	W 26-21
S. 21 at Navy	W 49-40
S. 28 at Michigan State	L 24-39
O. 5 Ohio State	L 16-27
O. 10 at Minnesota	L 42-45
O. 19 at Penn State	L 0-49
O. 26 Purdue	L 13-42
N. 2 Indiana	W 41-37
N. 9 at Iowa	L 10-62
N. 23 Illinois	L 24-31

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.7 ppg	87
Rushing	157.0 ypg	53
Passing	232.0 ypg	45
Total	389.0 ypg	42
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	41.1 ppg	113
Rushing	313.6 ypg	117
Passing	188.8 ypg	29
Total	502.3 ypg	116
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	79

Head Coach: Randy Walker

2002 Record (Big Ten): 3-9 (1-7)

Middle Tennessee

blue raiders

Offense

No doubt about it, this is Andrico Hines' team. The athletic quarterback made his presence felt by finishing third in the conference in total offense last season and earning the unconditional respect of his teammates. He is also the Blue Raiders' top returning rusher and has the ability to keep opposing defenses off-balance all season.

"He is the leader of this football team and is very well-liked and respected among his teammates," says coach Andy McCollum. "After going through last season and the people he faced and learning from his mistakes, I expect Andrico to have a strong year."

Hines will benefit from the presence of an experienced line, led by two-time All-Sun Belt selection Brandon Westbrook.

However, with the departure of last year's top two rushers and top three receivers, Middle Tennessee will have to rely on new talent at the skill positions.

Running back Don Calloway has the most experience and speed and will get every opportunity to step into the role vacated by Dwone Hicks, Chris Henry, Kerry Wright and Wardell Alsop all got their feet wet as receivers last season and will be expected to step up this fall.

Defense

If the line can hold its own, Middle Tennessee could have one of the top defensive units in the Sun Belt.

McCollum was disappointed with the D-Line's performance a year ago but believes the three-man front could be an asset this fall. Jerry Vanderpool is a steady performer at left end and a team leader. At right end, Devarick

Scandrett, who appeared in every game as a true freshman, has added 25 pounds.

The Blue Raiders' second and third layers of defense are stockpiled with formidable talents. Michael Woods and Brandon Lynch are two-year starters at outside linebacker. Middle linebacker Randy Arnold, the team's top returning tackler, is coming off his best season. Dennis Burke played in every game as a true freshman last year and has great potential.

All three starters return in the secondary: corners Tony Sutton and Muhammad Rashada and free safety Will Martin. Martin led the unit in tackles. Sutton and Rashada tied for the team lead with three interceptions, while Rashada broke up nine passes. Chris Johnson, who was sidelined last year after breaking his arm in the season opener, will see action at all three positions.

Specialists

If games are won and lost on special teams, Middle Tennessee has a huge advantage.

The Blue Raiders welcome back two all-conference kickers in Brian Kelly and Robert Billings. Kelly converted 10-of-13 field goal attempts and missed only one of 32 extra points. Billings averaged 42.6 yards per punt.

Final Analysis

With tangible annual progress, Middle Tennessee made its first three years as a Division I-A member look about as difficult as shooting fish in a barrel. Last year the fish shot back to the tune of a 4-8 record (2-4 Sun Belt).

Now, McCollum's fifth team is poised for a rebound as it approaches the new season with a little less hype and a little more purpose.

Look for Middle Tennessee to take its medicine — along with its paycheck — during the pre-conference "guarantee" games. Then, with Hines at the helm, the team should mature enough as the season goes along to make a run in the Sun Belt.

Sun Belt Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #87



Brandon Westbrook

Brad Schloss

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 6 Wardell Alsop (Sr.)	83 Pierre Ingram (Fr.)
WR 85 Chris Henry (So.)	88 Sam Williams (Fr.)
WR 8 Hashem Joyner (Jr.)	80 Tommy Manus (Jr.)
WR 1 Kerry Wright (Jr.)	11 Pedro Holiday (Jr.)
LT 59 Brandon Westbrook (Sr.)	60 Willie Hall (Fr.)
LG 73 Bill Brasch (Jr.)	68 Doug Waller (Sr.)
C 76 Shavasky Brown (So.)	70 Seth Grabo (So.)
RG 55 Josh Willoughby (Sr.)	71 Joe Evilsizer (Jr.)
RT 67 Julius Gant (Jr.)	61 Germayle Franklin (Fr.)
QB 9 Andrico Hines (Sr.)	16 Josh Harris (So.)
TB 28 Don Calloway (Sr.)	27 Kelvin German (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 97 Jerry Vanderpool (Jr.)	98 Demetrios Walker (Sr.)
DT 92 Jeff Littlejohn (So.)	93 Thomas Johnson (Jr.)
DE 94 Devarick Scandrett (So.)	99 Dominic Jones (Sr.)
LLB 40 Dennis Burke (So.)	53 Joey Montalbano (Sr.)
MLB 54 Randy Arnold (Sr.)	23 Alvin Fite (Jr.)
RLB 56 Kenny Edwards (Sr.)	33 Jonathan Bonner (So.)
CB 3 Tony Sutton (Sr.)	19 Aaron Pitts (Sr.)
CB 5 Muhammad Rashada (Sr.)	29 Kabote Sikyala (Sr.)
SS 2 Michael Woods (Sr.)	21 Chris Hough (Jr.)
WS 42 Brandon Lynch (Sr.)	34 Kevin Copeland (So.)
FS 12 Will Martin (Sr.)	10 Chris Johnson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 22 Brian Kelly (Sr.)
P 20 Robert Billings (Sr.)
KR 27 Kelvin German (So.)
PR 1 Kerry Wright (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Andrico Hines, 142-243-1,753-7, 6 TDs
Rushing:	Andrico Hines, 150 car., 486 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Henry, 14 rec., 180 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Randy Arnold, 88, 54 solo
Sacks:	Demetrios Walker, 2, Devarick Scandrett, 2
Interceptions:	Tony Sutton, 3 for 14 yds., Muhammad Rashada, 3 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

12.3 Middle Tennessee's scoring decreased by 12.3 points per game from 2001 (37.1) to 2002 (24.8). The '01 total was aided by a 70-point effort against Idaho.

2003 Schedule

A. 28 Florida Atlantic	W
S. 6 at Georgia	L
S. 13 at Clemson	L
S. 20 at Missouri	L
O. 4 Temple	*
O. 11 New Mexico State	*
O. 18 at Idaho	W
O. 25 North Texas	L
N. 1 at Utah State	W
N. 8 Troy State	*
N. 15 UL-Lafayette	W
N. 22 at Arkansas State	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Alabama	L 34-39
S. 7 at Tennessee	L 3-26
S. 21 at Kentucky	L 22-44
S. 28 SE Missouri State	L 14-24
O. 5 at Arkansas State	L 7-13
O. 12 at Vanderbilt	W 21-20
O. 19 UL-Lafayette	W 48-35
O. 26 at Idaho	L 18-21
N. 2 at New Mexico St.	L 21-24
N. 16 UL-Monroe	W 44-28
N. 23 North Texas	L 20-30
N. 30 Utah State	W 45-28

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	76
Rushing	208.7 ypg	21
Passing	154.0 ypg	101
Total	362.7 ypg	73
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.7 ppg	71
Rushing	171.7 ypg	84
Passing	229.1 ypg	78
Total	400.8 ypg	81
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	60

Head Coach: Andy McCollum

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 4-8 (2-4)

East Carolina pirates

Offense

The ingredients for an effective running game are in place at East Carolina, and that should be a good building block for new coach John Thompson and his staff. The Pirates have an experienced offensive line, led by senior tackle Brian Rimpf, and a stable of talented running backs, ranging from proven Art Brown to promising junior college transfer Kevin Fain.

The running game should help junior quarterback Paul Troth be more efficient throwing the ball. He threw 15 touchdowns and 20 interceptions last fall. "It is different," Troth says of the attack coordinated by Rick Stockstill, who joined the ECU staff after 14 years at Clemson. "There's less reading now. It's more shorter passes. We have playmakers and we want to get the ball in their hands as quickly as possible."

There will also be more two-back sets, which will get physical fullback Vonta Leach more involved in the offense. ECU has also added a true tight end. Troth's targets on the outside include the elusive Terrance Copper, the improving Edwin Rios and Richard Hourigan, a possession receiver who caught 19 passes last season.

Defense

Organized chaos is the best way to describe the way Thompson's defenses played at Southern Miss, Arkansas and Florida. Foes will be challenged to pick up blitzes and read coverages. "We try to look the same, but we will do a lot of different things," says tackle Damane Duckett.

The blitzes will (hopefully) keep opposing

quarterbacks from having enough time to find open receivers downfield and the zones should help mask the deficiencies of a questionable secondary.

Duckett and Derek Helms are effective run stoppers in the middle. The Pirates' linebackers, including sophomores Chris Moore and Josh Chilsom, are all fast. Moore is coming back from a knee injury aggravated when he was playing basketball.

Safety Travis Heath is the only proven defensive back. He is a big-hitter who is capable of making big plays.

Specialists

There are some big holes to fill in the kicking game. Juniors Chris Baglio and Cameron Broadwell will contend for the kicking job, but redshirt freshman Ryan Dougherty is an intriguing possibility. Dougherty is being groomed as a punter, but he was also an exceptional kicker on the high school level.

Final Analysis

The Pirates will have to move quickly past the learning phase under Thompson and develop a degree of comfort before facing an opening gauntlet that includes Cincinnati, West Virginia, Miami and Wake Forest, with three of those games on the road.

The Pirates should be able to run the football effectively, and that will open up some things for Troth and the passing attack. Thompson would like his team to control the clock, so his young defense can stay off the field as much as possible.

Thompson's personality, as well as an attractive six-game home schedule, has energized the East Carolina fan base, and the Pirates have traditionally responded well when fans have been supportive. Fan support, however, can take you only so far. This ECU club lacks the overall talent to be considered legitimate contenders in C-USA.

C-USA Prediction: 9th

National Forecast: #88



Art Brown

Brad Schloss

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 17	Damarcus Fox (Jr.)	81	Richard Hourigan (Sr.)
WR 7	Terrance Copper (Sr.)	87	Edwin Rios (Jr.)
LT 69	Brian Rimpf (Sr.)	65	Eric Graham (Fr.)
LG 76	Charlie Dempsey (Jr.)	63	Hagen Mason (Jr.)
C 68	Doug White (Sr.)	67	Hunter Wood (So.)
RG 72	Brian Fox (Sr.)	64	Gary Freeman (So.)
RT 61	Brandon Pope (Sr.)	66	Corey Schmidt (Sr.)
TE 42	James Myrick (So.)	8	Kort Shankweiler (Fr.)
QB 4	Paul Troth (Jr.)	2	Desmond Robinson (Jr.)
TB 33	Art Brown (Sr.)	25	Marvin Townes (Jr.)
FB 31	Vonta Leach (Sr.)	57	Jermarcus Veal (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 90	Guy Whipper (So.)	47	Lorenza Pickett (So.)
NG 97	Derek Helms (Sr.)	59	Dontre Brown (Fr.)
DT 99	Damane Duckett (Sr.)	95	Eric Foushee (Sr.)
DE 34	Richard Koonce (So.)	77	Sammie Walden (So.)
WLB43	Josh Chilsom (So.)	42	Dashaun Stephens (So.)
MLB40	Chris Moore (So.)	50	Eric Butler (Jr.)
SLB 41	Kent Nealy (Sr.)	53	Shawn Hodges (Sr.)
CB 37	Brandon Rainer (Sr.)	21	Donald Whitehead (Jr.)
CB 39	Reicko Jones (So.)	38	Jared Brogden (So.)
FS 24	Antonie Nealy (So.)	17	Lou Seisay (Jr.)
SS 45	Travis Heath (Sr.)	85	Mickey McCoy (So.)

Special Teams

K	10	Cameron Broadwell (Jr.)
P	9	Ryan Dougherty (Fr.)
KR	17	Damarcus Fox (Jr.)
PR	7	Terrance Copper (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Paul Troth, 177-359-2,315-20, 15 TDs
Rushing:	Art Brown, 214 car., 1,029 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving:	Terrance Copper, 30 rec., 395 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Josh Chilsom, 74, 30 solo
Sacks:	Josh Chilsom, 4
Interceptions:	Chris Moore, 2 for 57 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

4 East Carolina won only four games last year, the fewest in a season since 1988, when the Art Baker-coached Pirates finished 3-8.

2003 Schedule		2002 Results		2002 National Rankings		
S. 1	at Cincinnati	L	A. 31	at Duke	L	16-23
S. 6	West Virginia	L	S. 7	at Wake Forest	L	22-27
S. 13	at Miami	L	S. 14	Tulane	W	24-20
S. 20	at Wake Forest	L	S. 28	at West Virginia	L	17-37
O. 1	Houston	W	O. 5	Army	W	59-24
O. 11	North Carolina	*	O. 19	South Florida	L	30-46
O. 18	at Army	W	O. 26	at Louisville	L	20-44
O. 25	Louisville	L	N. 9	at Houston	W	54-48
N. 1	at Memphis	L	N. 16	at UAB	L	29-36
N. 8	South Florida	L	N. 23	TCU	W	31-28
N. 22	at Tulane	L	N. 30	at Southern Miss	L	7-24
N. 29	Southern Miss	L	D. 6	Cincinnati	L	26-42

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: John Thompson

2002 Record (C-USA): 4-8 (4-4)

Wyoming

cowboys

Offense

Once again, Wyoming has the makings of one of the best passing offenses in the nation. If only the Cowboys could find a running game.

Quarterback Casey Bramlet, who showed considerable improvement last season while leading the Mountain West Conference with 3,290 yards and 24 touchdowns, is back at the controls of a passing offense that has ranked among the nation's top 20 in each of the past two seasons. In addition to his aerial abilities, Bramlet has displayed a knack for escaping the blitz and gaining yards on broken plays that appeared headed for disaster. Plus, Bramlet's leadership skills evolved last season as he gained confidence.

Wide receivers Ryan McGuffey, Jovon Bouknight and Malcom Floyd figure to share the majority of Bramlet's passes.

If the Cowboys can figure out a way to sustain their ground game for the first time since Ryan Christopherson anchored the backfield 10 years ago, they'd really be in business. Wyoming will once again rely on Derek Armah, who averaged a respectable 4.8 yards per carry and scored six touchdowns last season. Although he lacks great speed or strength, Armah takes good care of the football, blocks well and has pass-catching ability.

Defense

It was a forgettable 2002 for the Cowboys, who allowed 30-plus points in nine of 12 games, ranked No. 114 nationally in total defense and were seemingly unable to stop any third-down play.

Although new coordinator Mike Breske promises a more aggressive approach,

114 The Cowboys finished 114th in the nation in total defense last fall, allowing a staggering 490.8 yards per game.

Wyoming returns many of the same starters and doesn't appear to have the talent to match up in the rugged Mountain West Conference.

Watch out for Tyler Gottschalk, a fierce linebacker who ranked second in the conference in tackles (125) and forced fumbles (3) last season. The safety position is in good shape, led by returnees Jacque Finn and Nate Young, but the cornerback position is especially thin.

End Brandon Casavan is the anchor on a defensive line that managed only 10 sacks and was routinely manhandled last season.

Specialists

After Lou Groza Award candidate J.D. Wallum was lost to a season-ending knee injury last September, the Cowboys' kicking game became an adventure. Scott Parker, who made half of his eight attempts in Wallum's absence, figures to be better with experience.

The punting game, though, should be mostly free of headaches. Luke Donovan, who hasn't had a kick blocked in two years as a starter, averaged 43 yards per punt last season.

Final Analysis

The arrival of Joe Glenn and his coaching staff has energized the Cowboys' slumping program, spiked season ticket sales at War Memorial Stadium and led to talk of a winning season. Some fans even expect Wyoming to earn its first bowl bid since 1993. Realistically, the Cowboys will only go as far as their defense takes them. Many of the same players from one of the nation's worst defenses in 2002 will fill starting spots, and depth at nearly every position is a concern. If the defense enjoys a resurgence, the Cowboys figure to score enough points to win most of their games. Wyoming returns seven starters from an offense that ranked 18th nationally in passing. The team's schedule, which has included the likes of Tennessee, Washington and Texas A&M in recent years, appears more forgiving.



John Betancourt

MWC Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #89

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 85 Ryan McGuffey (Sr.)	87 Jarreau Grant (Fr.)
WR 9 Jovon Bouknight (So.)	13 Dustin Pleasant (So.)
WR 88 Malcom Floyd (Sr.)	22 Josh Barge (So.)
LT 73 Chase Johnson (Fr.)	69 Jason Karcher (Fr.)
LG 66 Isaac Morales (Jr.)	68 Mark Schwarz (Fr.)
C 70 Trenton Franz (Jr.)	51 Jeff Warren (So.)
RG 76 Henry Randle (Sr.)	75 Drew Severn (So.)
RT 77 Dan Fisher (So.)	78 Brandon Avery (So.)
TE 42 Aaron Robbins (So.)	84 Chris Cox (Jr.)
QB 14 Casey Bramlet (Sr.)	17 Corey Bramlet (So.)
RB 28 Derek Armah (Sr.)	32 Kit Bradshaw (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 43 John Flora (So.)	86 Jason Schneider (Fr.)
NG 62 Jacob Bonde (Jr.)	57 Derrick Glasper (So.)
DT 55 Zach Morris (Jr.)	90 Casey Adams (Sr.)
DE 91 Brandon Casavan (Sr.)	92 Anthony Jones Jr. (Jr.)
WLB29 Guy Tuell (Jr.)	31 Jeff Tatnall (So.)
MLB30 Randy Tschanner (Jr.)	50 Matt Chase (So.)
SLB 47 Tyler Gottschalk (Sr.)	36 J.C. Trautwein (Sr.)
CB 8 Chris Dixon (Sr.)	18 Leonard Jones (Sr.)
CB 2 Roderick Jackson (Sr.)	1 Stephon King (So.)
FS 7 Jacque Finn (Sr.)	3 Nate Young (Sr.)
SS 26 Tom Vincent (Sr.)	21 Marcial Rosales (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 37 Scott Parker (So.)
P 46 Luke Donovan (Sr.)
KR 9 Jovon Bouknight (So.)
PR 20 Ivan Harrison (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Casey Bramlet, 277-464-3,290-18, 24 TDs
Rushing:	Derek Armah, 124 car., 596 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Jovon Bouknight, 63 rec., 689 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Tyler Gottschalk, 125, 63 solo
Sacks:	4 players with 1 sack
Interceptions:	Nate Young, 3 for 20 yds., Jacque Finn, 3 for 109 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Montana State	W
S. 6 at Oklahoma State	L
S. 13 Kansas	*
S. 20 at Air Force	L
S. 27 at Boise State	L
O. 11 at Utah State	W
O. 18 BYU	L
O. 25 at San Diego State	*
N. 1 Colorado State	L
N. 15 at Utah	L
N. 22 New Mexico	L
N. 29 UNLV	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Tennessee	L	7-47
S. 7 at C. Michigan	L	20-32
S. 14 Boise State	L	13-35
S. 21 at Washington	L	7-38
O. 5 The Citadel	W	34-30
O. 12 at Colorado St.	L	36-44
O. 19 San Diego St.	L	20-24
O. 26 Air Force	W	34-26
N. 2 at UNLV	L	48-49
N. 9 at BYU	L	31-35
N. 16 Utah	L	18-23
N. 30 at New Mexico	L	20-49

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.0 ppg	80
Rushing	100.0 ypg	107
Passing	279.8 ypg	18
Total	379.8 ypg	53
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.0 ppg	107
Rushing	205.8 ypg	104
Passing	285.1 ypg	114
Total	490.8 ypg	114
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-2	-0.17	72

Head Coach: Joe Glenn

2002 Record (MWC): 2-10 (1-6)

Arizona

wildcats

Offense

One of the youngest offensive teams in UA history is at its youngest at quarterback. The choice is between 5'11" sophomore Nic Costa, possibly the team's fastest runner, and 6'6" freshman Ryan O'Hara. Costa makes plays with his speed, while O'Hara has superb arm strength. Ideally, Arizona would like a mix of the two and will probably use both, depending on the situation. "We won't know who our No. 1 guy is until September, if then," says coach John Mackovic. "It might be an ongoing thing."

The running back situation is not promising. Senior Clarence Farmer's sophomore break-out year became a bust in 2002. After leading the Pac-10 with 1,229 rushing yards, Farmer suffered a disabling knee injury early in his junior year and later was suspended for insubordination. He was not allowed to participate in spring drills and is likely to redshirt to allow for full rehabilitation of his knee. That leaves the half-back job to sophomore Mike Bell, who played extensively in his first college season.

The top receiver is senior Andrae Thurman, who had 61 catches a year ago. He has always been a complementary player. Sophomore Biren Ealy is thought to be Arizona's future receiving star.

On the line, eight players have started. Senior Reggie Sampay, with 24 career starts, can play guard or center; he and junior center Keoki Fraser, a two-year starter, join senior tackle Brandon Phillips as team leaders. Four freshmen and sophomores will fill out the other spots.

Defense

In an attempt to get back to bowl-level football, Mackovic has redone his defense. Gone is the flex scheme of the 1990s Desert Swarm

defense, and its coordinator, Larry Mac Duff. In is Mike Hankwitz, formerly the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M and Colorado.

One of Hankwitz's first changes was to put sophomore ends Marcus Smith and Copeland Bryan into edge-rushing assignments as linebackers. Both players appeared to thrive in the spring. The inside linebacker of note is senior Joe Siofele, who is surrounded by untested players. The defensive line is young and thin. The secondary includes 2001 all-conference cornerback Michael Jolivet, who is coming back from knee surgery. Sophomore Darrell Brooks, who can play corner or safety, has star potential.

Specialists

Arizona has punted poorly for the last two seasons and has two kickers, sophomore Danny Baugher and senior James Molina, back for more. Neither has been consistent. The kick-offs, handled by sophomore Ryan Slack last year, were inadequate. Bobby Gill is the apparent placekicker. He, too, has been inconsistent.

Final Analysis

In the four exasperating years since Arizona opened as a consensus Top 10 team, the Wildcats have gone 20-26 and failed to qualify for a bowl game. Worse, they've gone 2-14 in Pac-10 home games and many of them have been embarrassing blowouts.

UA returns 12 starters from a ninth-place team, which isn't entirely good news. Not a single 2002 All-Pac-10 player, or second-team player, is on Arizona's roster. A winning season might be too much to expect. This team is built for 2004 and thereafter.

Mackovic's job security is likely to be the storyline for the season. He has two years remaining and a buyout of \$400,000 per year. Declining attendance totals at Arizona might be as important to Mackovic as anything else as he tries to avoid a third consecutive losing year, something that hasn't happened at Arizona since 1976-78.

Pac-10 Prediction: 10th
National Forecast: #90



Andrae Thurman

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Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 4 Andrae Thurman (Sr.)	84 Ricky Williams (So.)
WR 18 Lance Relford (Sr.)	82 Biren Ealy (So.)
LT 72 Tanner Bell (So.)	59 Chris Johnson (Jr.)
LG 75 Reggie Sampay (Sr.)	59 Chris Johnson (Jr.)
C 67 Keoki Fraser (Jr.)	66 Kili Lefotu (So.)
RG 66 Kili Lefotu (So.)	79 Keith Jackson (Fr.)
RT 68 Brandon Phillips (Sr.)	70 John Parada (So.)
TE 46 Matt Padron (Fr.)	87 Steve Fleming (Jr.)
QB 7 Nic Costa (So.)	15 Ryan O'Hara (Fr.)
HB 26 Mike Bell (So.)	23 Gainus Scott (So.)
FB 36 Gilbert Harris (So.)	35 Sean Jones (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 92 Carlos Williams (Jr.)	58 Tim Volk (Fr.)
NG 99 Vince Feula (Jr.)	90 Carl Tuitavuki (Sr.)
DE 91 Brad Brittain (So.)	98 Fata Avegalio (Jr.)
OLB 56 Andre Torrey (Jr.)	49 Matt Molina (Sr.)
ILB 42 Joe Siofele (Sr.)	40 John McKinney (Fr.)
ILB 44 Patrick Howard (Jr.)	25 Kirk Johnson (Jr.)
OLB 83 Copeland Bryan (So.)	55 Marcus Smith (So.)
CB 13 Luis Nunez (Jr.)	9 Gary Love (Sr.)
CB 3 Jason Martin (So.)	17 Gary Shepard (Fr.)
SS 33 Clay Hardt (Sr.)	30 Tony Wingate (Jr.)
FS 6 Darrell Brooks (So.)	19 Lamon Means (So.)

Special Teams

K 28 Bobby Gill (Sr.)
P 43 Danny Baugher (So.)
KR 4 Andrae Thurman (Sr.)
PR 4 Andrae Thurman (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Nic Costa, 7-19-150-1, 1 TD
Rushing: Mike Bell, 106 car., 341 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Andrae Thurman, 61 rec., 915 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Joe Siofele, 66, 41 solo
Sacks: Joe Siofele, 5.5
Interceptions: David Hinton, 2 for 5 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

11 Arizona has lost 11 consecutive Pac-10 home games by an average of 17.5 points per game.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 UTEP	W
S. 6 LSU	L
S. 13 Oregon	L
S. 20 at Purdue	L
S. 27 TCU	L
O. 4 at Wash. State	L
O. 11 UCLA	L
O. 25 at California	*
N. 1 at Oregon State	L
N. 8 Washington	L
N. 15 USC	L
N. 28 at Arizona State	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 No. Arizona	W 37-3
S. 14 Utah	W 23-17
S. 21 at Wisconsin	L 10-31
S. 28 North Texas	W 14-9
O. 5 Oregon	L 14-31
O. 12 at Washington	L 28-32
O. 19 at Stanford	L 6-16
O. 26 Wash. State	L 13-21
N. 2 at Oregon State	L 3-38
N. 9 UCLA	L 7-37
N. 16 at California	W 52-41
N. 29 Arizona State	L 20-34

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.9 ppg	103
Rushing	43.8 ypg	117
Passing	289.8 ypg	14
Total	333.6 ypg	96
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.8 ppg	58
Rushing	161.8 ypg	67
Passing	224.3 ypg	68
Total	386.2 ypg	72
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	83

2002 Record (Pac-10): 4-8 (1-7)

Head Coach: John Mackovic

Akron Zips

Offense

When a team returns nine starters from a unit that produced an average of 404.3 yards (to rank 28th in the nation) and 27.1 points per game, there are legitimate reasons to be optimistic.

Quarterback Charlie Frye, a 6'4" junior with two years of starting experience, is the man who makes the Zips go. Frye will likely hold every major Akron passing record by the end of his junior year if he maintains his 2,400-yard, 12-touchdown season averages. And with a veteran offensive line in front of him, and no fewer than four receivers who each hauled in 26 or more passes last season, the Zips' offense has a chance to be even more productive in 2003.

Senior tailback Bob Hendry is a proven 1,000-yard rusher, and sophomore Thomas Plummer, a big back from Canada, is expected to show why he was a major college recruit before landing with the Zips.

Defense

Where to begin? This side of the ball has been a thorn in coach Lee Owens' side for the past four seasons, and it nearly cost him his job in 2002. If the Akron defense doesn't get its act together in 2003, Owens is likely finished as the dean of MAC head coaches.

Guarded optimism is the best way to describe the Zips on defense.

Junior defensive end Dwayne LeFall led the Zips with 4.5 sacks as a freshman, took a red-shirt year to clear up his academics, then returned and delivered one sack last season. Senior defensive tackle Marques Haynes is a

proven leader who has played linebacker, defensive end and tackle. But he can't do it all alone. After that, "potential" is the word attached to every projected starter or backup defensive linemen.

The same can be said at linebacker. Junior outside backer Chase Blackburn and sophomore middle linebacker Diontre Earl combined for over 160 tackles last season. But uncertainty clouds the other starting spot, as well as the backup positions.

Akron's secondary is no different from the rest of the defense; there is a pair of proven starters in senior cornerback Rickey McKenzie and sophomore free safety Domenik Hixon and a string of question marks behind them.

Specialists

There are solid performers at every spot. Running back Matt Carter ranked second in the MAC with a 24.1-yard kickoff return average. Matt Cherry returns to handle punts after a year off. He ran two back for touchdowns as a sophomore.

The coaching staff expects more consistency from placekicker Billy Sullivan this fall. He hit 7-of-14 field goals and 40-of-43 extra points as a freshman. Punter Andy Jerdon averaged a strong 40.3 yards per boot.

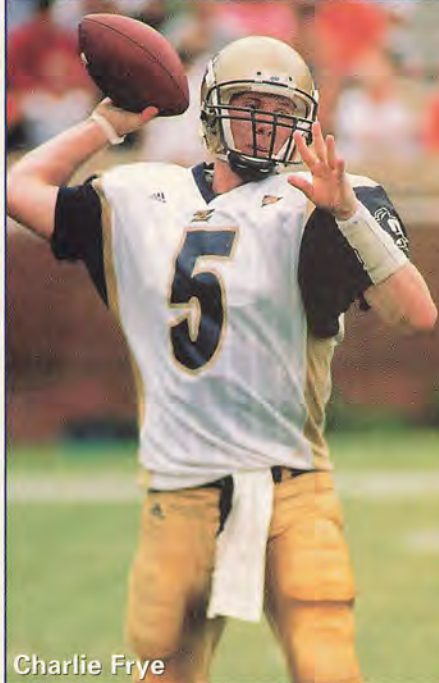
Final Analysis

With arguably its easiest non-conference slate in years and a schedule loaded on the front end with MAC cupcakes (Kent, Buffalo, Eastern Michigan) the Zips would have to implode not to lock up a .500 overall season by early October. The real question is, can Akron's defense play well enough down the stretch to make a run for a MAC Division title? Maybe not, but the Zips should win enough games to keep Owens employed.

They had better — another poor start would more than likely signal the end of Owens' tenure at Akron.

MAC East Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #91



Charlie Frye

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Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	3 Miquel Irvin (Sr.)	9 Nick Sparks (Sr.)
WR	2 Matt Cherry (Sr.)	19 Morris Ellington (Jr.)
LT	70 Bryan Shaw (Sr.)	72 Tim Crouch (Fr.)
LG	69 Aaron Conley (Jr.)	65 Aaron Feller (Jr.)
C	61 Jim Borrieci (Jr.)	71 Mike Grzeskowiak (Jr.)
RG	62 Mike Piccirillo (Sr.)	75 Mike Donaldson (Fr.)
RT	78 Jud Cummins (Sr.)	76 Justin Hein (So.)
TE	33 Mike Brake (Sr.)	85 Aaron Holderman (Fr.)
QB	5 Charlie Frye (Jr.)	7 Micah Faler (Sr.)
TB	42 Bobby Hendry (Sr.)	30 Thomas Plummer (So.)
FB	32 Dan Basch (Jr.)	25 Ashanti Barbee (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE	83 Dwayne LeFall (Jr.)	99 Jermaine Reid (Fr.)
DT	63 Andy Wills (So.)	79 Antonio Shippy (So.)
DT	86 Marques Hayes (Sr.)	95 Bobby Gardner (Jr.)
DE	48 Brian White (So.)	53 Charlton Lewis (Jr.)
SLB	58 Matt Robinson (Sr.)	8 Jared Smith (Jr.)
MLB	51 Diontre Earl (So.)	57 Joe Radich (Jr.)
WLB	44 Chase Blackburn (Jr.)	35 Jay Rohr (So.)
CB	1 Rickey McKenzie (Sr.)	10 Mike Bradshaw (Fr.)
CB	11 Jesse Smith (Sr.)	24 Montae Russell (Jr.)
SS	18 John Fuller (Jr.)	37 Jason Nedd (So.)
FS	23 Domenik Hixon (So.)	12 Greg Williams (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	14 Billy Sullivan (So.)
P	46 Andy Jerdon (Sr.)
KR	34 Matt Carter (Sr.)
PR	2 Matt Cherry (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Charlie Frye, 250-380-2,824-9, 15 TDs
Rushing:	Bob Hendry, 208 car., 1,021 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Miquel Irvin, 53 rec., 535 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Chase Blackburn, 96, 61 solo
Sacks:	Greg Williams, 4
Interceptions:	Chase Blackburn, 2 for 9 yds., Rickey McKenzie, 2 for 22 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

8 Eight teams gained 370 or more yards of total offense against the Zips last season. Six of those teams produced over 400 yards of total offense and one over 500.

2003 Schedule

A. 28 Kent State	W
S. 6 at Wisconsin	L
S. 13 Eastern Michigan	W
S. 20 Howard	W
S. 27 at Buffalo	W
O. 4 at Miami (OH)	L
O. 11 Cal Poly	W
O. 18 UCF	L
O. 25 at Connecticut	*
N. 1 at Marshall	L
N. 8 at Central Mich.	W
N. 15 Ohio	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Iowa	L	21-57
S. 7 at Maryland	L	14-44
S. 14 Central Michigan	L	17-24
S. 21 at Virginia	L	29-48
S. 28 Miami (OH)	L	31-48
O. 5 at Eastern Mich.	L	34-42
O. 12 Liberty	W	49-21
O. 26 at UCF	L	17-28
N. 2 Marshall	W	34-20
N. 9 at Ohio	L	10-27
N. 16 Buffalo	W	21-10
N. 23 at Kent State	W	48-10

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.1 ppg	61
Rushing	157.5 ypg	52
Passing	246.8 ypg	37
Total	404.3 ypg	28
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.6 ppg	91
Rushing	167.3 ypg	74
Passing	227.2 ypg	73
Total	394.5 ypg	78
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	69

Head Coach: Lee Owens

2002 Record (MAC): 4-8 (3-5)

Rutgers scarlet knights

Offense

Greg Schiano's surprising late-season decision not to redshirt quarterback Ryan Hart could pay major dividends this fall. Hart started the final four games as a true freshman and played well enough to be considered the quarterback of the future. Hart will oversee a re-designed offense being installed by new coordinator Craig Ver Steeg, who inherits a unit that finished as the nation's worst during a 1-11 season. Ver Steeg's offense relies heavily on a two-back set and a timing passing game.

There's a solid cast at wide receiver, with big-play threat Tres Moses healthy again after missing nine games with a knee injury. Promising true freshman Marcus Daniels could contribute immediately.

The top four rushers return, but that's not necessarily a good thing, since Rutgers averaged just 51.7 yards rushing per game. Markis Facyson led the Knights with a mere 398 yards rushing.

New offensive line coach Mario Cristobal faces a daunting challenge with a unit that was at the root of most of the offensive problems last year. Transfers John Glass, Clint Dato and Ron Green are being counted on to make a difference.

Defense

For long stretches last year, Rutgers' defense was more than respectable. But with little relief from the Knights' offense, breakdowns inevitably occurred. The unit returns seven starters, although the potential loss of defensive end Ryan Neill, recovering from knee surgery, will hurt. Senior Raheem Orr is a mainstay up front.

97 How bad was Rutgers' running game last year? A total of 97 Division I-A players gained more yards than the 620 the Knights managed as a team.

Brian Hohmann slides over from weak-side linebacker to the middle to fill the void created by Gary Brackett's graduation. Brian Bender is back at the strong side — for now. He will be pushed by talented sophomore William Beckford, who was academically ineligible last season.

The secondary returns three starters. Schiano tried linebacker Terry Bynes at the vacated free safety spot in the spring but didn't seem pleased with the results. Rutgers has a rising star in junior strong safety Jarvis Johnson and a pair of solid corners in Brandon Haw and speedy Nate Jones.

Specialists

After returning two kickoffs 100 yards for touchdowns and finishing sixth nationally in kickoff returns, Nate Jones was named the Big East's co-Special Teams Player of the Year. The senior averaged 28.3 yards per return last year. With Tres Moses healthy again and able to resume his duties as the punt returner, Rutgers has big-play capability any time an opponent kicks the ball.

Final Analysis

Rutgers' hopes for topping the three-win plateau for the first time since 1998 will come down to one thing: the offensive line. Cristobal's challenge is to piece together a unit that will simply allow the offense a chance to function — something it often couldn't do last season. Rutgers not only finished last nationally in total offense and scoring (and next to last in rushing), the Knights averaged just 1.5 yards per rush and punted a school-record 93 times. The problem wasn't close to being solved in the spring, meaning the uncertainty will linger until the Aug. 30 opener against Buffalo. With a favorable schedule, promise at the skill positions, a quarterback to build around in Hart and a defense that should be solid, the 2003 season hinges on the offensive line play and whether or not five newcomers can make a difference.

Big East Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #92



Ryan Hart

Bill Wood

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

SE 89 Shawn Tucker (So.)	80 Jerry Andre (Jr.)
FL 8 Tres Moses (Jr.)	6 Corey Barnes (So.)
LT 62 Mike Williamson (Sr.)	79 Sameeh McDonald (Jr.)
LG 77 Rich McManis (Sr.)	74 Randy Boxill (So.)
C 52 Marty Pyszczyk (Sr.)	63 Will Vogt (So.)
RG 73 Brian Duffy (Sr.)	66 Clint Dato (Jr.)
RT 76 John Glass (Jr.)	Ron Green (Jr.)
TE 47 Ray Pilch (Sr.)	87 Chris Loomis (Jr.)
QB 11 Ryan Hart (So.)	16 Ted Trump (Sr.)
RB 2 Clarence Pittman (Jr.)	22 Markis Facyson (So.)
FB 37 Brad Cunningham (Jr.)	40 Cedric Brown (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 1 Raheem Orr (Sr.)	94 Val Barnaby (So.)
DT 95 Gary Gibson (Sr.)	58 Joe Henley (So.)
DT 98 Luis Rivas (So.)	96 Joe Giacobbe (So.)
DE 92 Alfred Peterson (Jr.)	39 Piana Lukabu (Jr.)
SLB 42 Brian Bender (Sr.)	35 William Beckford (So.)
MLB 49 Brian Hohmann (Sr.)	53 Ishmael Medley (Jr.)
WLB 38 Will Gilkison (So.)	48 Sal Fama (So.)
CB 32 Nate Jones (Sr.)	34 Leslie Collins (So.)
CB 24 Brandon Haw (Sr.)	31 Eddie Grimes (Jr.)
FS 3 Terry Bynes (So.)	28 Bryan Durango (So.)
SS 20 Jarvis Johnson (Jr.)	29 Dondre Asberry (So.)

Special Teams

K 43 Ryan Sands (Sr.)
P 30 Joe Radigan (So.)
KR 32 Nate Jones (Sr.)
PR 8 Tres Moses (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Ryan Hart, 51-111-479-6, 2 TDs
Rushing:	Markis Facyson, 124 car., 398 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Shawn Tucker, 21 rec., 195 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Nathan Jones, 81, 67 solo
Sacks:	Alfred Peterson, 1.5
Interceptions:	Nate Jones, 2 for 30 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Buffalo	W
S. 6 at Michigan State	L
S. 13 at Army	W
S. 27 Navy	W
O. 4 Virginia Tech	L
O. 11 at West Virginia	L
O. 18 Pittsburgh	L
O. 25 at Temple	*
N. 8 at Connecticut	*
N. 15 Boston College	L
N. 22 at Miami	L
N. 29 Syracuse	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Greg Schiano

2002 Results

A. 31 Villanova	L 19-37
S. 7 Buffalo	L 11-34
S. 14 Army	W 44-0
S. 21 at Pittsburgh	L 3-23
S. 28 at Tennessee	L 14-35
O. 12 West Virginia	L 0-40
O. 19 at Virginia Tech	L 14-35
O. 26 at Syracuse	L 14-45
N. 2 Miami	L 17-42
N. 16 Temple	L 17-20
N. 23 at Notre Dame	L 0-42
N. 30 at Boston Coll.	L 14-44

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	13.9 ppg	117
Rushing	51.7 ypg	116
Passing	162.3 ypg	97
Total	214.0 ypg	117
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.1 ppg	95
Rushing	207.0 ypg	106
Passing	198.0 ypg	37
Total	405.0 ypg	88
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-13	-1.08	102

2002 Record (Big East): 1-11 (0-7)

Kansas jayhawks

Offense

Quarterback Bill Whittemore is the key to this team, its confidence and ultimately, its season. Kansas was laughable without Whittemore in the final three games of 2002. Things could be interesting, though, if he stays injury-free this year. "He could be one of the top quarterbacks in the country by the end of the year," KU coach Mark Mangino says.

Whittemore's biggest attribute is his poise. He rarely panics when pressured in the pocket and hardly ever forces a pass. He's also a threat to run, although Mangino will be tentative to give Whittemore too many carries.

Clark Green, Kansas' workhorse tailback, should get some help this year from redshirt freshmen Jerome Kemp and Jon Cornish. The Jayhawks' receiving corps was decimated by graduation, but coaches are excited about Mark Simmons and Charles Gordon. Look for tight end Lionel Anderson to become one of Whittemore's favorite targets as well.

The biggest question mark, however, lies on the offensive line, where just one starter (Tony Coker) returns from a unit that allowed 33 sacks a year ago. Former tight end Adrian Jones has moved to left tackle, and junior college transfer Joe Vaughn has a firm grasp on the center position. Everything else is up for grabs.

Defense

Mangino is doing everything he can to correct a unit that ranked last in the Big 12 in total defense in 2002. Kansas' most highly touted recruits — linebackers John McCoy and Gabe Toomey and defensive end Monroe Weekley — play on the defensive side of the ball.

Linebacker and team captain Banks Floodman is back after a knee injury forced

him to redshirt in 2002. He should lead a unit that is easily Kansas' deepest position. Look for Kevin Kane and Brandon Perkins to contribute at the linebacker spot, as well.

For the second straight year, Kansas' biggest problem is its secondary. Cornerbacks Remuise Johnson and Donnie Amadi were burnt badly in 2002. Both players return, but they'll be challenged by junior college transfers Marcus Hicks and Shelton Simmons.

Former linebacker Nick Reid has jostled the strong safety job away from Zach Dyer. Free safety Tony Stubbs is expected to be challenged by junior college transfer Markeith Childress.

Specialists

One of the biggest areas of competition on the team is at kicker, where Johnny Beck connected on only 7-of-17 field goals as a sophomore in 2002. Mangino has sent Beck, who got nominated for the Lou Groza Award after a banner freshman year, a message by signing Tulsa Union High School standout Scott Webb.

The Jayhawks appear set at punter, where Curtis Ansel returns after a junior year that saw him average 42.2 yards per punt.

Sophomore kick returner Greg Heaggans is back after setting a KU single-season record with 691 return yards last season.

Final Analysis

Success this season will depend on the performance of a recruiting class that includes 13 junior college transfers — only two of whom enrolled in January and went through spring drills. The Jayhawks could surprise on defense, where newcomers John McCoy and Gabe Toomey are expected to make an immediate impact at linebacker. However, Kansas must find a way to improve its laughable secondary. If that happens, Whittemore is good enough to take advantage of an easy non-conference schedule and make this team competitive. Things could get ugly, though, if Whittemore gets hurt.

Big 12 North Prediction: 6th

National Forecast: #93

Bill Whittemore



Chris Covatta

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 84 Brandon Rideau (Jr.)	80 Dominic Roux (Fr.)
WR 19 Derick Mills (Sr.)	3 Charles Gordon (Fr.)
WR 83 Mark Simmons (So.)	8 Gary Heaggans (Jr.)
LT 72 Adrian Jones (Sr.)	74 David Ochoa (Fr.)
LG 77 Bob Whitaker (Fr.)	75 Tony Coker (Jr.)
C 56 Joe Vaughn (Jr.)	76 Justin Henry (So.)
RG 76 Justin Henry (So.)	64 Nick McCaslin (Jr.)
RT 78 Danny Lewis (Sr.)	69 Travis Dambach (Fr.)
TE 86 Lionel Anderson (Jr.)	82 Denver Latimore (Sr.)
QB 4 Bill Whittemore (Sr.)	14 Brian Luke (So.)
TB 30 Clark Green (So.)	24 Jerome Kemp (Fr.)
FB* 33 Austine Nwabuisi (Jr.)	34 Brandon Watkins (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE Monroe Weekley (Jr.)	98 Cory Kipp (Sr.)
NT 90 Tim Allen (So.)	81 Sid Bachmann (Sr.)
DT 67 Travis Watkins (Jr.)	71 John Cannon (Fr.)
DE 92 David McMillan (Jr.)	Chuck Jones (Jr.)
LB 5 Banks Floodman (So.)	38 Glenn Robinson (Sr.)
LB 45 Kevin Kane (So.)	John McCoy (Jr.)
LB 59 Brandon Perkins (So.)	Gabe Toomey (Jr.)
CB 8 Remuise Johnson (Sr.)	Shelton Simmons (Jr.)
CB 26 Donnie Amadi (So.)	Marcus Hicks (Jr.)
FS 9 Tony Stubbs (Jr.)	Markeith Childress (Jr.)
SS 7 Nick Reid (So.)	13 Zach Dyer (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 46 Johnny Beck (Jr.)
P 37 Curtis Ansel (Sr.)
KR 25 Greg Heaggans (So.)
PR 8 Remuise Johnson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Bill Whittemore, 151-305-1,666-6, 11 TDs
Rushing:	Clark Green, 197 car., 813 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Clark Green, 37 rec., 408 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Nick Reid, 62, 37 solo
Sacks:	Nick Reid, 6
Interceptions:	Remuise Johnson, 6 for 7 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

14 Kansas has lost 14 consecutive Big 12 games. The Jayhawks are 1-15 in Big 12 play over the last two seasons.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Northwestern	*
S. 6 UNLV	L
S. 13 at Wyoming	*
S. 20 Jacksonville State	W
S. 27 Missouri	L
O. 11 at Colorado	L
O. 18 Baylor	*
O. 25 at Kansas State	L
N. 1 at Texas A&M	L
N. 8 Nebraska	L
N. 15 at Oklahoma State	L
N. 22 Iowa State	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Iowa State	L	3-45
S. 7 at UNLV	L	20-31
S. 14 SW Missouri St.	W	44-24
S. 21 Bowling Green	L	16-39
S. 28 at Tulsa	W	43-33
O. 5 at Baylor	L	32-35
O. 12 Colorado	L	29-53
O. 19 Texas A&M	L	22-47
O. 26 at Missouri	L	12-36
N. 2 Kansas State	L	0-64
N. 9 at Nebraska	L	7-45
N. 16 Oklahoma State	L	20-55

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.7 ppg	96
Rushing	126.3 ypg	83
Passing	190.5 ypg	76
Total	316.8 ypg	105
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	42.3 ppg	115
Rushing	256.3 ypg	114
Passing	216.2 ypg	60
Total	472.4 ypg	112
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-9	-0.75	93

Head Coach: Mark Mangino

2002 Record (Big 12): 2-10 (0-8)

San Diego State aztecs

Offense

Senior quarterback Adam Hall flourished in coach Tom Craft's wide-open attack, passing for 3,253 yards and 17 touchdowns despite missing the final two games because of a concussion. His emergence was stunning, and Craft promises that Hall will be even better this fall. Hall played with a painful shoulder injury that required postseason surgery. He proved during spring workouts that the arm was fully recovered. "I think Adam Hall got better and better as the spring went on," Craft says. "I think he's going to have a terrific year if we can keep him healthy."

The Aztecs need to improve their ground game after rushing for just 948 yards in 13 games. Sophomores Michael Franklin (346 yards last season) and Frederick Collins (333 yards) head the returners. Incoming freshman Lynn Hamilton enters the program amid high expectations.

Question marks abound at receiver after the departures of wideouts J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood, who set NCAA records for receptions (236) and yardage (3,337) by teammates. The third starter, Ronnie Davenport (56 receptions), also needs to be replaced.

The offensive line will be led by senior tackle Brendan Darby, who has made 32 career starts.

Defense

The Aztecs are deep at linebacker and in the secondary but lack depth on the defensive line. They allowed 31 touchdown passes last season, a figure that must improve.

Middle linebacker Kirk Morrison is a bona fide star. He was a first-team All-Mountain West pick in 2002, becoming the first SDSU sophomore to earn first-team all-conference honors

since Kabee Gbaja-Biamila in 1997. Morrison's stellar season included 97 tackles, five fumble recoveries, three interceptions and three sacks.

Stephen Larsen also is a solid starter, with sophomore Matt McCoy and senior Beau Trickey battling for the other job.

The defense received a boost when senior defensive end Ryan Iata (20 career starts) was granted a sixth season of eligibility from the NCAA. Brandon Rager is being counted on as the other starting defensive end. Brook Miller is a returning starter at tackle.

There are plenty of options in the secondary, which returns three starters in cornerback Jeff Shoate, a second-team all-conference pick last season, and safeties Josh Dean (strong) and Marviel Underwood (free). Junior Hubert Caliste and senior LaVance Ray are the leading contenders for the cornerback spot opposite Shoate.

Specialists

Senior Seth Santoro and true freshman Mike Hughes will compete to replace departed punter Brian Simjanovski. The Aztecs also will feature a new placekicker in junior college All-American Clinton Arial-Ryan. Baker and Franklin factor in as kick returners, with either Baker or junior Kyle Conerly (15.7 average, one TD last season) handling punt return duties.

Final Analysis

The Aztecs would love to end a streak of four consecutive losing seasons. The Mountain West Conference is far from ferocious, and there are two Division I-AA foes on the schedule. There are questions, though. The Aztecs need to improve the running game, and despite a solid quarterback in Hall, the passing game is uncertain due to losses at receiver. Defensively, the Aztecs' linebackers and secondary rank among the best in the MWC. If the defense becomes stingier and the offense remains productive, the Aztecs could take steps toward removing their underachieving label.

MWC Prediction: 8th

National Forecast: #94

Adam Hall



John Bettancourt

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	1 Jermaine Moore (Sr.)	19 Jeff Webb (So.)
FL	88 Lonnel Penman (Jr.)	84 Wesley Williams (Jr.)
SL	85 Robert Ortiz (So.)	11 Devin Pitts (Jr.)
LT	79 Brendan Darby (Sr.)	70 Zach Barnes (Sr.)
LG	77 Shawn Dickie (Sr.)	75 Patrick Justman (Fr.)
C	72 Jasper Harvey (So.)	50 Danny Negrete (So.)
RG	78 Gerald Sykes (Sr.)	54 Nephi Penerosa (Fr.)
RT	74 Mike Kracalik (Jr.)	70 Zach Barnes (Sr.)
TE	81 Raleigh Fletcher (Sr.)	83 Jason Dion (Sr.)
QB	14 Adam Hall (Sr.)	5 Matt Dlugolecki (So.)
RB	4 Frederick Collins (So.)	20 Michael Franklin (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	90 Ryan Iata (Sr.)	95 Robert Miller (So.)
DT	99 Brook Miller (Sr.)	55 Freddie McCutcheon (So.)
DT	46 Blake Lobel (Jr.)	55 Freddie McCutcheon (So.)
DE	98 Brandon Rager (Sr.)	97 Kurt Kahui (So.)
LB	35 Beau Trickey (Sr.)	48 Matt McCoy (So.)
LB	34 Kirk Morrison (Jr.)	52 Adam Nyssen (Jr.)
LB	45 Stephen Larsen (Jr.)	44 Heath Farwell (Jr.)
CB	15 LaVance Ray (Sr.)	39 Jacob Elimimian (So.)
CB	26 Jeff Shoate (Sr.)	10 Hubert Caliste (Jr.)
FS	5 Marviel Underwood (Jr.)	30 Marcus Demps (So.)
SS	42 Josh Dean (Jr.)	38 Keith Ellison (So.)

Special Teams

K	Clinton Arial-Ryan (Jr.)
P	Seth Santoro (Sr.)
KR	20 Michael Franklin (So.)
PR	3 Donny Baker (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Adam Hall, 272-452-3,253-9, 17 TDs
Rushing:	Michael Franklin, 62 car., 346 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Robert Ortiz, 13 rec., 141 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Kirk Morrison, 97, 60 solo
Sacks:	Brook Miller, 4
Interceptions:	Kirk Morrison, 3 for 91 yds., Marviel Underwood, 3 for 10 yds.
(#1) Indicates number of returning starters	
BOLD indicates returning starters	

24 The Aztecs threw 24 touchdown passes in Tom Craft's first season, up from five in 2001.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	E. Washington	W
S. 6	at Ohio State	L
S. 13	at UTEP	W
S. 20	Samford	W
S. 27	at UCLA	L
O. 4	BYU	L
O. 11	at Utah	L
O. 18	New Mexico	L
O. 25	Wyoming	*
N. 8	at UNLV	L
N. 15	at Colorado State	L
N. 22	Air Force	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29	at Fresno State	L 14-16
S. 7	at Colorado	L 14-34
S. 14	Arizona State	L 28-39
S. 21	at Idaho	L 38-48
S. 28	UCLA	L 7-43
O. 12	Utah	W 36-17
O. 19	at Wyoming	W 24-20
O. 26	UNLV	W 31-21
N. 2	at BYU	L 10-34
N. 9	at New Mexico	L 8-15
N. 16	Colorado State	L 21-49
N. 23	at Air Force	W 38-34
D. 7	at Hawaii	L 40-41

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.8 ppg	82
Rushing	72.9 ypg	114
Passing	330.9 ypg	5
Total	403.9 ypg	29
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.6 ppg	92
Rushing	171.2 ypg	83
Passing	239.7 ypg	91
Total	410.9 ypg	95
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	60

2002 Record (MWC): 4-9 (4-4)

Head Coach: Tom Craft

Arkansas State indians

Offense

Run-oriented football teams generally don't survive without a productive running game and a sturdy offensive line to run behind. The Indians had both last year and not only survived, but thrived. Now will they be able to survive the loss of Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year Danny Smith and four key offensive linemen who paved the way for Smith's school-record 1,390 yards last year?

Of the five candidates looking to replace Smith, a healthy Antonio Warren would have to be considered the favorite. He was the starter in 2002 before cracking two ribs midway through what was up to then a productive season. He will be pushed by Clinton Roy and intriguing JUCO transfer Shermar Bracey, who's only played one season of football since the start of high school, but who coaches say has a rare blend of size and speed.

Lack of depth on the offensive line is clearly a big concern, and one that can't be good for the Indians' plans to throw the ball more downfield this season. The battle between last year's starting quarterback, the extremely accurate Elliot Jacobs, and this year's challenger, the extremely strong-armed Reid McKinney, should be fun to watch.

Defense

The improvement of this unit last year was remarkable. With the arrival of head coach Steve Roberts, the interception total went from five to 16 and the sack total went from eight to 47. The yards yielded went down 61 per game.

Here's some news for Sun Belt offensive coordinators — all but two starters return for

the Indians. The 4-2-5 defense is directed up front by a pair of first-team all-conference tacklers, seniors Corey Williams (nine sacks) and Jon Bradley (six sacks).

Everyone in the four-man linebacker rotation returns, led by last season's leading tackler, Les Echols (107 tackles). In addition, the secondary looks strong again. The unit that helped ASU finish 16th nationally in pass defense last season has no shortage of playmakers.

The competition at the safety positions is shaping into quite a battle. Keep an eye on junior college All-American LeUndo Adams, the newcomer who many recruiting services rated as the top safety prospect coming out of junior college. Lamar Lee, who has moved from safety to cornerback, and Jonathan Burke, the 2002 Sun Belt Newcomer of the Year, will be starting at the corners.

Specialists

Sophomore Eric Neihouse has a strong leg but must improve his accuracy (10-of-22 FGs last season). It looks as if the Indians will look to Neihouse to punt as well.

Standout return man James Hickenbotham will be tough to replace. Lamar Lee will most likely return the punts, while a host of receivers try their hand at kickoff returns.

Final Analysis

The Indians were three plays and 11 points away from winning nine games and playing in the New Orleans Bowl. Roberts, however, is the first one to point out that the Indians weren't that far from a 4-9 season. The defense is stout, but major holes have to be filled at running back and on the offensive line. With four non-conference road games — starting with Texas A&M — and one fewer games to work with, expecting another six-win season might be a bit unrealistic. With Roberts around, though, it would be foolish to expect the Indians to fall back into college football purgatory.

Sun Belt Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #95



Elliot Jacobs

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 1 Jason Wood (Jr.)	83 Gary Vincent (Fr.)
WR 22 Chuck Walker (Jr.)	10 Jerome Stegall (Jr.)
WR 86 Mike Cox (Sr.)	84 Jason Boyd (So.)
LT Matt Roth (Jr.)	Darrian Billups (Fr.)
LG 73 Steven Gibbs (Jr.)	72 Anthony Mitchell (Sr.)
C 52 Tab Slaughter (Jr.)	69 Tanner Jenkins (Fr.)
RG 77 Brandon Crocker (Jr.)	78 Bo Mitchell (So.)
RT 54 Kimani Jones (Sr.)	82 Frank Arritt (Sr.)
TE 55 Mike Brooks (Jr.)	81 Manuel Burton (So.)
QB 12 Elliot Jacobs (Jr.)	11 Bryan Gauthreaux (Jr.)
FB* 48 Oren O'Neal (So.)	Ramon Williams (Jr.)
RB 42 Antonio Warren (Jr.)	35 Clinton Roy (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 48 Zach Grigsby (Sr.)	33 Anthony Camp (So.)
DT 91 Jon Bradley (Sr.)	98 Myron Anderson (So.)
NT 99 Corey Williams (Sr.)	58 Bryant Berry (Sr.)
DE 19 Courtney Todd (Jr.)	45 David Vargas (Sr.)
LB 15 Steven Tookes (Jr.)	44 Reggie Everett (Jr.)
LB 5 Les Echols (Sr.)	40 Eddie Walker (Jr.)
CB 17 Lamar Lee (Sr.)	35 Joe Williams (Sr.)
CB 23 Jonathan Burke (Sr.)	Kelvin Cox (Fr.)
WS 24 LeKeith Grace (Sr.)	LeUndo Adams (Jr.)
FS 4 Alex Peoples (Jr.)	3 Casey Venters (Sr.)
SS 30 Chris Littleton (So.)	34 Josh Ward (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 88 Eric Neihouse (So.)
P 88 Eric Neihouse (So.)
KR 10 Jerome Stegall (Jr.)
PR 17 Lamar Lee (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Elliot Jacobs, 136-258-1,751-7, 7 TDs
Rushing:	Antonio Warren, 134 car., 554 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Jason Wood, 22 rec., 185 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Les Echols, 105, 49 solo
Sacks:	Corey Williams, 9
Interceptions:	Jonathan Burke, 5 for 59 yds.

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations
(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

1 Arkansas State has enjoyed just one winning season — 6-5 in 1995 — since re-joining the Division I-A ranks in 1992. The Indians were close last fall with a 6-7 record.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Texas A&M	L
S. 6 Tennessee-Martin	W
S. 13 SE Missouri State	W
S. 20 at Tulsa	W
S. 27 at Memphis	L
O. 4 #UL-Monroe	W
O. 11 at Ole Miss	L
O. 25 at Utah State	W
N. 1 at New Mexico St.	L
N. 8 Idaho	W
N. 15 at North Texas	L
N. 22 Middle Tennessee	*
#Little Rock, AR	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 25 at Virginia Tech	L 7-63
A. 31 San Jose State	L 14-33
S. 7 Tulsa	W 21-19
S. 14 at Illinois	L 7-59
S. 21 at UL-Monroe	W 33-21
S. 28 UT-Martin	W 30-10
O. 5 Middle Tenn.	W 13-7
O. 12 at Ole Miss	L 17-52
O. 19 North Texas	L 10-13
O. 26 New Mexico St.	L 21-26
N. 2 Southern Utah	W 38-16
N. 9 at UL-Lafayette	L 10-13
N. 16 at Idaho	W 38-29

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.9 ppg	99
Rushing	182.6 ypg	37
Passing	143.7 ypg	105
Total	326.3 ypg	101
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	74
Rushing	165.3 ypg	72
Passing	176.4 ypg	16
Total	341.7 ypg	39
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.54	34

Head Coach: Steve Roberts

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 6-7 (3-3)

Troy State trojans

Offense

Troy State has some intriguing talent in quarterback Hansell Bearden, running back DeWhitt Betterson and receiver Jason Samples. Too bad there's not much up front to protect them.

Troy State coach Larry Blakeney describes the offensive line as "discombobulated." Returning starter Branden Hall has a lock on the right tackle spot. After that, it's a free-for-all. The line's three best players after Hall — Donnie Bostian, Wes Garmon and Kyle Smith — all missed spring practice with shoulder injuries.

Bearden, who struggled in last year's spread offense, could blossom in the I-formation being implemented by new offensive coordinator Mark Fleetwood. The leading candidate for the backup assignment is junior college transfer Franco Johnson. Kacson Maddox also could play his way into the mix.

Betterson shared time at running back last year and was nearly as productive as the departed LeBarron Black in about half as many opportunities. Redshirt freshman Marlo East turned heads in the spring and has great potential.

Samples is back after leading the team in receptions and yardage last year. His hard-nosed, rugged approach is complemented well by tall and talented Toris Rutledge.

Defense

Last year Troy State was fourth in the nation in total defense, allowing only 277 yards per game. The good news is that the team will utilize virtually the same scheme and terminology in 2003. The bad news is that only four starters return.

The Trojans' pass rush showed signs of tenacity this spring in the form of tackle Eric

Thomas and Demarcus Ware, a "great talent," according to Blakeney.

The linebacking corps was wiped out by graduation, but Laverne Johnson, who appeared in every game last year as a freshman, has shown great promise in the middle. The same can be said for Bernard Davis who steps up at weak-side linebacker. Strong-side backer Robby Farmer is the most experienced returnee.

The secondary features an enviable blend of youth and experience. There are two returning full-time starters, cornerback Johnny Faulk and free safety Derrick Ansley. The other corner will be Adrian Ghent, who started five games last season. Arthur Adams is being counted on to produce at strong safety. Cornerbacks Rayshun Reed and Freeman White are recovering from knee injuries and were held out of contact drills in the spring.

Specialists

Thomas Olmstead returns to handle all punting and placekicking chores after earning Freshman All-America honors in 2002. The Trojans must find new punt and kick returners.

Final Analysis

In his 12 years as head coach, Larry Blakeney has built Troy State into one of the most successful programs in the South. The Trojans have compiled a 102-42-1 record in Blakeney's tenure, including a respectable 11-12 record since joining the Division I-A ranks.

But last year's experienced Troy State squad struggled through a disappointing 4-8 season. Now, with only 12 returning starters and a roster in which freshmen and sophomores make up over 60 percent of the personnel, another sub-.500 campaign is looming.

"There is no question we have got a lot of work to do," says Blakeney. "Winning football teams win with those guys who are there in the spring. For the most part, we'll live and die with the guys we had here this spring."

8 For the second consecutive year, Troy State will play eight games away from home. Last year the Trojans were 1-7 away from Memorial Stadium.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Kansas State	L
S. 6	at Minnesota	L
S. 13	at UAB	L
S. 20	SE Louisiana	W
S. 27	Marshall	L
O. 4	at Nebraska	L
O. 18	Fla. International	W
O. 25	at Virginia	L
N. 1	at North Texas	L
N. 8	at Middle Tenn.	*
N. 15	at Utah State	W
N. 22	UL-Monroe	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	at Nebraska	L 16-31
S. 7	at UAB	L 26-27
S. 14	Southern Utah	W 40-15
S. 21	at Iowa State	L 12-42
S. 28	at Missouri	L 7-44
O. 5	Austin Peay	W 41-3
O. 12	at Miss. State	L 8-11
O. 19	at Marshall	L 7-24
O. 26	Florida Atlantic	W 21-6
N. 2	at Arkansas	L 0-23
N. 9	Florida A&M#	W 24-7
N. 16	Utah State	L 16-19
#Mobile, AL		

2002 National Rankings

		Per Game	Rank
Offense		18.2 ppg	111
Scoring		176.3 ypg	42
Rushing		127.3 ypg	110
Passing		303.7 ypg	112
Total			
Defense		21.0 ppg	30
Scoring		105.3 ypg	13
Rushing		171.6 ypg	11
Passing		276.8 ypg	4
Total			
TO Margin		Per Game	Rank
-10		-0.83	95

Head Coach: Larry Blakeney

2002 Record: 4-8

Independent

National Forecast: #96

Branden Hall



Troy State SID

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	5 Jason Samples (Jr.)	80 Zsan Robinson (Fr.)
FL	84 Toris Rutledge (So.)	87 Bryant Stewart (Jr.)
LT	60 Henry Tellis (Jr.)	74 Joe Fowler (Jr.)
LG	69 Kirbie Bodiford (Fr.)	79 Junior Louissaint (Jr.)
C	59 Lee Milliner (Jr.)	72 James Gardner (Fr.)
RG	53 Kenny Griffin (Fr.)	70 Donnie Bostian (Jr.)
RT	76 Branden Hall (Sr.)	73 James Edwards (So.)
TE	13 Adrian Moore (Sr.)	88 Rob Austin (So.)
QB	18 Hansell Bearden (Jr.)	1 Franco Johnson (Jr.)
FB	6 Chris Cox (Sr.)	44 Jordan Lesley (Jr.)
TB	9 DeWhitt Betterson (Jr.)	29 Marrio Fraser (So.)

Defense (4)

DE	86 Cedric Phillips (Sr.)	92 Jamaal Holt (Jr.)
NT	91 Torre Lankford (So.)	52 Guye Goodlow (Fr.)
DT	78 Eric Thomas (Jr.)	90 David Tramble (So.)
DE	94 Demarcus Ware (Jr.)	99 Cedric Sullivan (Jr.)
SLB	41 Robby Farmer (Jr.)	35 Keith Staple (So.)
MLB	30 Laverne Johnson (So.)	51 Torrence Smith (Fr.)
WLB	27 Bernard Davis (So.)	47 David Johnson (So.)
CB	8 Johnny Faulk (So.)	Jared Ruffin (Fr.)
CB	25 Adrian Ghent (So.)	34 Jermaine Miller (So.)
SS	32 Arthur Adams (Jr.)	14 Travis Dunlap (Sr.)
FS	10 Derrick Ansley (Jr.)	15 Ronald Harper (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	20 Thomas Olmsted (So.)
P	20 Thomas Olmsted (So.)
KR	84 Toris Rutledge (So.)
PR	84 Toris Rutledge (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Hansell Bearden, 125-288-1,462-16, 6 TDs
Rushing:	DeWhitt Betterson, 101 car., 711 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Jason Samples, 45 rec., 552 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Derrick Ansley, 82, 54 solo
Sacks:	Demarcus Ware, 9
Interceptions:	Derrick Ansley, 2 for 38 yds., Johnny Faulk, 2 for 36 yds.
(#1) Indicates number of returning starters	
BOLD indicates returning starters	

Houston cougars

Offense

Houston isn't entirely sure who will be running its offense — though senior Nick Eddy emerged from spring practice atop the depth chart — but the offense being run will be new. First-year head coach Art Briles and his staff installed a multiple offense that features numerous formations and personnel groupings.

Eddy, who started the final eight games last year, has an advantage going into fall practice since he ended the spring at No. 1. Sophomore Barrick Nealy, the starter for the first four games until being sidelined by a torn ACL, sat out during the spring but is expected to be ready to compete with Eddy in the fall.

After two seasons in the shadow of Joffrey Reynolds, Anthony Evans receives the chance to display the talent that made him one of the most widely recruited running backs in Texas three years ago. Evans' challenge is to try to replace Reynolds and his Conference USA single-season record 1,545 yards.

Brandon Middleton is a proven big-play receiver who has averaged 19.8 yards on his 82 receptions in his career. Most of the other wideouts are newcomers, but sophomores Vincent Marshall and Chad McCullar and redshirt freshmen Leonard Gibson and Josh Carethers have the speed to stretch defenses.

An offensive line that lost three starters appears solid in the middle with center Rex Hadnot and guards Brandon Evans and Roy Swan. The bad news is the loss of three-year starter Al James, an outstanding center who tore up a knee last year and isn't expected to be ready to play this season.

198 The Cougars' returning running backs combined for 198 yards last season, or about 13 percent of the 1,545 provided by the departed Joffrey Reynolds.

Defense

Houston has abandoned the 4-2-5 for the more conventional 4-3 defensive front. New defensive coordinator Ron Harris will move the front four into a variety of looks, in an effort to confuse the offensive line.

Matthew Bentley and Kade Lane started side-by-side at defensive tackle as true freshman. Bentley, however, will slide over to end this fall. The staff is expecting a big contribution from end Farouk Adelekan, who led the team with nine sacks despite starting just three late-season games.

Lance Everson, Damien West and Bryant Brown, who returns from a year out of school, offer a nice combination of quickness and physicality at linebacker.

Departed safety Hanik Milligan recorded 405 tackles in three seasons and is unlikely to be adequately replaced. Will Gulley, an athletic sophomore, and Oklahoma transfer Brian Hodges will try.

Specialists

Kicker Dustin Bell and punter Jimmy McClary return to what should be solid special teams. Bell made his first seven field goals of the season and ended 10-of-10 from 42 yards and in, and 12-of-14 overall. He consistently kicked off to the goal line or end zone. After some inconsistency, McClary ended with a 38.9 average. Both performed well in the spring.

Final Analysis

Briles and his assistants will deserve instant raises if the Cougars manage to break even this season — or somehow win more than they lose. There is some decent talent on hand, but the first year of the Briles era might consist of one step back before the program takes a few steps forward. There are simply too many questions and not enough answers to expect this Cougar team to finish in the upper half of Conference USA.

C-USA Prediction: 10th
National Forecast: #97



Brandon Middleton
Sam Jordan

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SL	2 Harrison Arceneaux (Sr.)	15 Choni Francis (Jr.)
WR	86 Mark Hopkins (Jr.)	88 Leonard Gibson (Fr.)
WR	8 Brandon Middleton (Sr.)	83 John Tyson (Jr.)
LT	89 Matt Mattox (Sr.)	75 Phil Hawkins (Jr.)
LG	71 Roy Swan (So.)	63 Willie Thomas III (Jr.)
C	76 Rex Hadnot (Sr.)	51 Al James (Sr.)
RG	62 Brandon Evans (Sr.)	54 Abraham Samee (So.)
RT	70 David Douglas (So.)	72 John McGilvray (So.)
TE	17 Jon Clark (Sr.)	87 Jonathan Pritchett (Sr.)
QB	16 Nick Eddy (Sr.)	9 Barrick Nealy (So.)
RB	6 Anthony Evans (So.)	27 Jackie Battle (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE	94 Matthew Bentley (So.)	88 Kendrick Goss (Jr.)
DT	62 Kade Lane (So.)	95 Sharod McGowan (So.)
DT	79 Gerard Richard (So.)	96 Jessie Bryant (So.)
DE	13 Farouk Adelekan (Sr.)	97 Ryan Huffman (Sr.)
LB	44 Lance Everson (Jr.)	53 Justin Davis (Sr.)
LB	33 Damien West (Sr.)	55 Travis Griffith (Jr.)
LB	45 Bryant Brown (So.)	32 Matt Schirmer (Jr.)
CB	2 Roland Cola (Sr.)	4 Roshawn Pope (So.)
CB	1 Delenell Reid (Sr.)	8 Stanford Routt (Jr.)
SS	29 Jermain Woodard (Sr.)	28 Chad Davis (Sr.)
FS	18 Will Gulley (So.)	21 Levi Gaston (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	7 Dustin Bell (Jr.)
P	43 Jimmy McClary (Sr.)
KR	8 Brandon Middleton (Sr.)
PR	3 Chad McCullar (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Nick Eddy, 134-265-2,054-18, 16 TDs
Rushing:	Barrick Nealy, 36 car., 227 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving:	Brandon Middleton, 28 rec., 674 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Jermain Woodard, 73, 47 solo
Sacks:	Farouk Adelekan, 9
Interceptions:	Delenell Reid, 2 for 13 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Rice	*
S. 6 at Michigan	L
S. 13 at UL-Lafayette	W
S. 20 Mississippi State	L
O. 1 at East Carolina	L
O. 11 at Tulane	L
O. 18 Memphis	L
O. 25 TCU	L
N. 8 Southern Miss	L
N. 15 at Army	*
N. 22 at Louisville	L
N. 29 UAB	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Rice	W 24-10
S. 7 Tulane	L 13-34
S. 14 UL-Lafayette	W 36-17
S. 21 at Texas	L 11-41
O. 5 at TCU	L 17-34
O. 12 at UAB	L 34-51
O. 19 Army	W 56-42
N. 2 at Memphis	W 26-21
N. 9 East Carolina	L 48-54
N. 16 at Cincinnati	L 14-47
N. 23 South Florida	L 14-32
N. 30 Louisville	W 27-10

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.7 ppg	64
Rushing	170.3 ypg	44
Passing	222.5 ypg	56
Total	392.8 ypg	36
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.8 ppg	94
Rushing	134.1 ypg	41
Passing	269.3 ypg	108
Total	403.4 ypg	84
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-16	-1.33	113

Head Coach: Art Briles

2002 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (3-5)

Nevada

wolf pack

Offense

Nevada welcomes back 16 starters from a team that finished 5-7 overall and 4-4 in WAC play. The bad news is that the team's two top offensive players in 2002, wide receiver Nate Burleson and savvy quarterback Zack Threadgill, are not among them.

On the positive side, junior running back Chance Kretschmer, a Freshman All-American two years ago when he led the nation in rushing with a school-record 1,732 yards, returns after missing most of the 2002 campaign with a knee injury. He and sophomore Matt Milton, who rushed for 1,108 yards and nine touchdowns last season, give Nevada quite a one-two punch in the backfield.

The lack of an experienced quarterback is one of the Pack's biggest concerns. Local product Jeff Rowe, a sophomore from Reno's McQueen High School, is the likely starter.

With Burleson's departure, the Pack will spread the ball around this year. Seniors Tim Fleming and Maurice Mann and talented sophomore Nichiren Flowers all had solid seasons in Burleson's shadow.

The offensive line, which was plagued by injuries the last two seasons, returns four starters, including tackles Harvey Dahl and Alan Parker. Both starting guards, Isaiah Ross and Chris Hines, return, as does junior John Tennert, a two-year starter who missed last season with a knee injury. The one big loss is second team All-WAC center Cody Johnson.

Defense

Just how far the Wolf Pack can move up in the WAC could depend on how well a quick,

but somewhat undersized, defensive line improves. The top player up front is Jorge Cordova, who led the WAC in sacks with nine.

"He's a real leader and a two-year team captain for us," head coach Chris Tormey says of the converted linebacker.

Senior middle linebacker Daryl Towns, a co-captain, returns to anchor a solid group that also includes sophomore inside linebacker Logan Carter, the 2002 WAC Defensive Freshman of the Year.

The secondary could be the strength of the defense. Three starters return, though cornerback Chris Handy will have to beat out senior Al Jones in preseason practice to retain his spot. The staff is excited about the debut of sophomore corner Randy Landingham, a highly touted transfer from Nebraska who will contend for a starting assignment in the fall.

Specialists

The Pack have two all-conference candidates returning in senior punter Derek Jones, a three-year starter, and junior placekicker Damon Fine, who set school records for longest field goal (58 yards) and most field goals in a game (five) two years ago as a freshman.

Nevada ranked 17th in the nation in kickoff returns (22.9) but averaged a dismal 4.9 yards per punt return, the third-worst average in the nation.

Final Analysis

It will be important for Nevada to get solid quarterback play to complement what figures to be a strong running game. The defense should mature into one of the WAC's stingiest units this season.

The Wolf Pack need to get off to a good start to build some momentum heading into the second-half schedule. Three of the first five games are at home, including winnable contests against Southern Utah, SMU and in-state rival UNLV.

WAC Prediction: 5th

National Forecast: #98



Chance Kretschmer

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 84 Nichiren Flowers (So.)	2 Buddy Lewis (Sr.)
WR 81 Maurice Mann (Sr.)	16 Willie Johnson (Jr.)
WR 9 Tim Fleming (Sr.)	5 Del McGee (Jr.)
LT 78 Alan Parker (Sr.)	68 Adam Kiefer (So.)
LG 62 Chris Hines (Jr.)	67 John Tennert (Jr.)
C 77 Kyle Gosselin (So.)	71 Steve Church (Sr.)
RG 79 Isaiah Ross (Sr.)	75 Dan Tennert (So.)
RT 74 Harvey Dahl (Jr.)	68 Adam Kiefer (So.)
TE 86 Tony Moll (So.)	83 Anthony Pudewell (So.)
QB 5 Jeff Rowe (So.)	16 Travis Moore (Fr.)
RB 23 Chance Kretschmer (Jr.)	34 Matt Milton (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 55 Jorge Cordova (Sr.)	99 Keenan Curtis (Sr.)
DT 56 Derek Kennard Jr. (Sr.)	96 P.J. Hoeper (So.)
DT 95 Chris Barry (Jr.)	50 Tim Sylvester (So.)
DE 91 J.J. Milan (So.)	90 Craig Bailey (So.)
LB 10 Daryl Towns (Sr.)	4 Shaun Tagatauli (Jr.)
LB 26 Logan Carter (So.)	42 J.D. Morscheck (Sr.)
LB 19 Carl LaGrone Jr. (Sr.)	32 Chad Conley (Sr.)
CB 11 Ali Jones (Sr.)	29 Chris Handy (So.)
CB 8 Marlon McLaughlin (Jr.)	24 Randy Landingham (So.)
ROV 6 Ronnie Hardman (Sr.)	33 Ekene Agwuenu (Jr.)
FS 39 Keone Kauo (Jr.)	31 Tyrone Rackley (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 36 Damon Fine (Jr.)
P 37 Derek Jones (Sr.)
KR 2 Buddy Lewis (Sr.)
PR 8 Marlon McLaughlin (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jeff Rowe, 17-26-138-0, 1 TD
 Rushing: Matt Milton, 225 car., 1,108 yds., 9 TDs
 Receiving: Tim Fleming, 39 rec., 430 yds., 3 TDs
 Tackles: Keone Kauo, 85, 51 solo
 Sacks: Jorge Cordova, 9
 Interceptions: Keone Kauo, 4 for 34 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

268 It's been 268 games since Nevada was last shut out, the longest streak among current WAC schools. The Wolf Pack was last blanked on Sept. 27, 1980.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Southern Utah	W
S. 6 at Oregon	L
S. 18 at San Jose State	L
S. 27 SMU	*
O. 4 UNLV	L
O. 11 at Washington	L
O. 18 at Tulsa	W
O. 25 Louisiana Tech	*
N. 1 at Rice	*
N. 8 Fresno State	L
N. 15 Hawaii	L
N. 29 at Boise State	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Wash. State	L	7-31
S. 14 BYU	W	31-28
S. 21 Rice	W	31-21
S. 28 Colorado State	L	28-32
O. 5 at UNLV	L	17-21
O. 12 at Hawaii	L	34-59
O. 19 San Jose State	W	52-24
O. 26 at La. Tech	L	47-50
N. 2 at SMU	W	24-6
N. 9 UTEP	W	23-17
N. 16 at Fresno State	L	30-38
N. 23 Boise State	L	7-44

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.6 ppg	57
Rushing	137.8 ypg	69
Passing	296.3 ypg	11
Total	434.2 ypg	12
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.9 ppg	87
Rushing	178.0 ypg	92
Passing	241.6 ypg	92
Total	419.6 ypg	97
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	79

Head Coach: Chris Tormey

2002 Record (WAC): 5-7 (4-4)

Temple owls

Offense

Temple coach Bobby Wallace convinced a pair of junior college All-Americans that playing in the Big East, and working in a spread offense, will get them all the professional exposure they need. Quarterback Walter Washington and wide receiver Phil Goodman both chose Temple over higher-profile suitors. Washington however, will likely begin the season No. 2 on the depth chart behind veteran Mike McGann.

"Mike McGann is our starting quarterback," Wallace says. "I think Mike is a very talented player. He played under a new system last year and we went through some growing pains."

Senior Makonnen Fenton takes over for Tanardo Sharps, the school's second all-time rusher, as the Owls' featured back. Fenton played wide receiver last season because the coaching staff wanted to get him on the field.

Goodman, who signed with Oregon out of high school, will likely emerge as the No. 1 receiver. But there are other options for McCann (or Washington). Zamir Cobb caught a team-high 45 passes last year and scored six touchdowns. Sean Szarka contributed 22 receptions as a true freshman.

The biggest questions on offense are on the line, where the Owls have to replace four players who combined for 119 career starts.

"We lost a lot of experience," Wallace says of the offensive line. "But I think we're going to be bigger than we've ever been, and more talented than we've ever been. And we have more depth than we've ever had."

Defense

The Owls lost All-American Dan Klecko, two other starters on the defensive line and four of the five starters in the secondary. As a result,

8 Eight of Temple's 2003 opponents played in bowl games last season.

Wallace will be counting on his junior college recruits to make a quick adjustment to Division I-A football.

"We lost a great defensive player in Klecko," Wallace says. "But I think it's important to acknowledge that we were one of eight teams who finished in the top 20 in total defense the last two years. We've had three years in the same scheme. We believe in it. Dan didn't play a down in the second half against Virginia Tech last season, and they struggled against us. I don't think we will have a drastic drop, so that we're not any good on defense."

A strength could be at linebacker, where sophomore Rian Wallace was named a 2002 fourth-team Freshman All-American by one publication after making 76 tackles. Troy Bennett will start alongside Wallace in the Owls' two-man linebacking corps.

Specialists

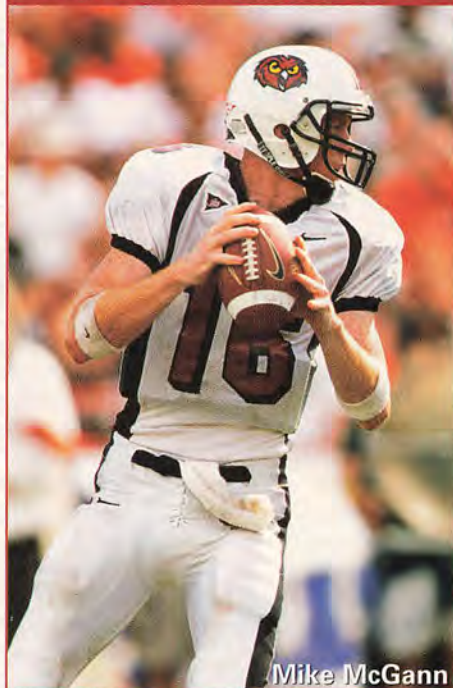
Punter Garvin Ringwelski averaged 38.7 yards per kick last season. Senior Jared Davis is expected to be the new placekicker. Temple is billing the 5'6", 145-pound Davis as the lightest player in Division I-A football.

Fenton is a dangerous kickoff return man who ranked second in the Big East with a 27.1-yard average.

Final Analysis

Since a negotiated settlement with the Big East Conference leaves Temple with two more years to play football in the league — and a very uncertain future afterwards — Wallace went looking for two-year players. This especially made sense since Wallace also has to replace 13 full-time starters. Temple wound up with a class featuring 23 players straight from junior colleges. With the heavy graduation losses, many of the junior college players will have to prove they are ready for I-A football if the Owls plan to improve on their 4-8 record from a year ago.

Big East Prediction: 8th
National Forecast: #99



Mike McGann

Allen Kae

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 1 Phil Goodman (Jr.)	14 Buchie Ibeh (Jr.)
WR 3 Terrence Stubbs (Sr.)	4 Jeremy Hartsfield (Jr.)
WR 27 Zamir Cobb (Sr.)	9 Andre Mixon-Toland (Jr.)
LT 78 John Gross (So.)	56 Chris Harris (Jr.)
LG 65 Joe Laudano (Sr.)	66 Steven Bell (Jr.)
C 50 C.J. Blomvall (Jr.)	75 Jose Portillo (Sr.)
RG 75 Jose Portillo (Sr.)	67 Yohance Perry (So.)
RT 77 Adam Boyd (Sr.)	72 Stan Primus (Jr.)
TE 84 Eric Carpenter (Jr.)	15 Collin Hannigan (Jr.)
A-B 26 Sean Szarka (Jr.)	23 Robert Johnson (Jr.)
QB 16 Mike McGann (Jr.)	11 Walter Washington (So.)
SB 34 Makonnen Fenton (Sr.)	29 Jamil Porter (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 45 Mike Mendenhall (So.)	54 J.D. Stanley (Sr.)
NT 93 Taso Apostolidis (Sr.)	92 Antwon Burton (Jr.)
DT 94 Luis Lumpis (Sr.)	53 Anthony Nembhard (Sr.)
DE 89 Rodney Wormley (So.)	98 J.C. Braker (Jr.)
LB 44 Troy Bennett (Sr.)	46 Christian Dunbar (Jr.)
LB 17 Rian Wallace (So.)	96 Manuel Tapia (So.)
OS 28 Lawrence Wade (Jr.)	33 Justin Johnson (Jr.)
CB 6 Donnie Coleman (Sr.)	18 Mike Holley (So.)
CB 5 Yazid Jackson (Sr.)	20 Carl Marshall (Jr.)
FS 29 Jonathan McPhee (So.)	8 Matt Douglas (Jr.)
SS 35 Sadeke Konte (Jr.)	47 Shawn Bullard (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Jared Davis (Sr.)
P 49 Garvin Ringwelski (Sr.)
KR 34 Makonnen Fenton (Sr.)
PR 27 Zamir Cobb (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Mike McGann, 173-353-1,994-22, 13 TDs
Rushing:	Mike McGann, 95 car., 200 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving:	Zamir Cobb, 45 rec., 483 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles:	Rian Wallace, 76, 51 solo
Sacks:	Taso Apostolidis, 3
Interceptions:	Yazid Jackson, 3 for 27 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Penn State	L
S. 6 Villanova	W
S. 20 at Cincinnati	L
S. 27 at Louisville	L
O. 4 at Middle Tenn.	*
O. 11 Boston College	L
O. 18 at Miami	L
O. 25 Rutgers	*
N. 8 at Syracuse	L
N. 15 Virginia Tech	L
N. 22 Pittsburgh	L
N. 29 at West Virginia	L

*Games in bold represent swing games.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

2002 Results

A. 29 Richmond	W 34-7
S. 5 Oregon State	L 3-35
S. 14 Miami	L 21-44
S. 21 at S. Carolina	L 21-42
S. 28 Cincinnati	L 22-35
O. 12 Syracuse	W 17-16
O. 19 at Connecticut	W 38-24
O. 26 at Virginia Tech	L 10-20
N. 2 West Virginia	L 20-46
N. 9 at Pittsburgh	L 22-29
N. 16 at Rutgers	W 20-17
N. 23 Boston College	L 14-36

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.2 ppg	98
Rushing	137.3 ypg	70
Passing	180.5 ypg	84
Total	317.8 ypg	104
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.3 ppg	80
Rushing	108.3 ypg	15
Passing	207.3 ypg	50
Total	315.7 ypg	18
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.17	105

Head Coach: Bobby Wallace

2002 Record (Big East): 4-8 (2-5)

Louisiana Tech bulldogs

Offense

Tech is hoping veteran Luke McCown finishes his career with a flourish. The senior quarterback owns or is stalking several school passing records, but must shake off a tough 2002 campaign. Despite throwing for 3,539 yards and 19 touchdowns, he also threw 19 interceptions.

The Bulldogs also must replace two key elements — running back Joe Smith, who rushed for 1,216 yards and 16 touchdowns, and three starters along the offensive line. Tech will likely use a tandem of Ralph Davis and Ryan Moats in the backfield. Davis is a power runner in the mold of Smith. Moats is a quick, slashing-type runner who had a tremendous spring.

Much of Tech's success will depend on the cohesiveness of an offensive line that must replace both tackles and the center. Sophomore Marcus Stewart was set to assume the center slot but suffered a broken leg in the first scrimmage and will be out until fall practice.

Tech must also get better production from its receiving corps, which except for senior Chris Norwood (61 catches 748 yards, four TDs), underachieved last year.

Defense

Tech struggled in the first year under co-defensive coordinator Rick Smith. He was hired just before spring drills, and coaches now admit that it was overly optimistic to expect the unit to adjust to Smith's 4-3 that quickly.

A big and talented defensive front is expected to set the tone. Tackles Chris Van Hoy (6'4", 293) and Lacorey Street (6'7", 314) have the size the Bulldogs like. However, coaches are looking for more production from the defense.

17 Last season Tech had just five interceptions. After reviewing the film, defensive coaches said their guys dropped 17 balls that hit them directly in their hands.

sive ends, which produced just 4.5 sacks last year. The Bulldogs are counting on junior college signees James Atkins and Eddie Moss to provide a boost in that area.

Although they lost four of their top seven linebackers, including all three starters, the Bulldogs believe this year's corps will be better. Senior outside linebacker Antonio Crow has the most experience, but junior middle linebacker John Nash enjoyed a strong spring.

The secondary should benefit from a year of experience. Last season three of the four starters were first-year starters and all three — cornerback Corey Brazil and safeties Michael Johnson and Lee Johnson — return.

Specialists

Senior Josh Scobee is one of the nation's best kickers. He made 45-of-61 career field goals and was on the Lou Groza Award watch list last season. Punter Dustin Upton is solid, while Erick Franklin is the school's all-time leader in kickoff return yardage.

Final Analysis

Louisiana Tech will have the offense to compete with most of the teams on its schedule. The key, however, is for McCown to cut down on his 19 interceptions from a season ago. The turnovers cost Tech at least two wins last season. Expect McCown, who enters this season as Division I-A's active career yardage leader, to bounce back in a big way. McCown needs the rebuilt offensive line and new backfield to develop quickly, as well as more consistent play from his receivers.

The defense also must tighten up. Tech's defense allowed 35.5 points and 441.2 yards per game and had just five interceptions. The Bulldogs also gave up 57 plays of 20 yards or more, but coaches believe experience in Smith's defense, plus the influx of four key junior college signees, will make the defense considerably better.

WAC Prediction: 6th

National Forecast: #100



Luke McCown

Courtland Richards

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 88	Tramission Davis (Jr.)	83	Shawn Piper (Jr.)
WR 14	Chris Norwood (Sr.)	9	Alton Bryant (So.)
WR 7	D.J. Curry (Sr.)	2	Freddie King (So.)
WR 19	Erick Franklin (Sr.)	22	Julius Cosby (Jr.)
LT 76	Clarence Casey (Sr.)	68	Lester Brown (Jr.)
LG 64	Aaron Lips (So.)	55	Jordan Lang (Jr.)
C 56	Marcus Stewart (So.)	65	Cameron Glenn (Jr.)
RG 72	Adrian Gonzalez (Jr.)	50	Ira Horyna (Jr.)
RT 67	Michael Gilmore (Sr.)	78	Marcus Lindsey (Fr.)
QB 11	Luke McCown (Sr.)	16	Maxie Causey (Sr.)
RB 6	Ralph Davis (Sr.)	38	Ryan Moats (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	90	Booker T. Washington (Sr.)	James Atkins (Jr.)	
DT	96	Chris Van Hoy (Jr.)	Johnny Jackson (Jr.)	
DT	95	Lacorey Street (Sr.)	93	Ladarius Love (So.)
DE	45	Travon Brown (Jr.)	Eddie Moss (Jr.)	
SLB	51	Antonio Crow (Sr.)	42	Byron Santiago (So.)
MLB	47	John Nash (Jr.)	40	Gregory Hollins (Fr.)
WLB	8	Jeremy Hamilton (So.)	25	Jonte Price (Sr.)
CB	28	Kevin Brown (Sr.)	Hiram Eugene (Jr.)	
CB	1	Corey Brazil (Sr.)	18	Delone Williams (So.)
SS	27	Lee Johnson (Jr.)	34	Gavin Cato (Sr.)
FS	21	Michael Johnson (Sr.)	39	Orlandus Williams (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	23 Josh Scobee (Sr.)
P	37 Dustin Upton (Sr.)
KR	19 Erick Franklin (Sr.)
PR	1 Corey Brazil (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Luke McCown, 296-505-3,539-19, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Luke McCown, 61 car., 30 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Norwood, 61 rec., 748 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Michael Johnson, 113, 66 solo
Sacks:	3 players with 1 sack
Interceptions:	3 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Miami	L
S. 6	at UL-Lafayette	W
S. 13	at Michigan State	L
S. 20	at Fresno State	L
O. 4	Boise State	L
O. 11	at UTEP	*
O. 18	Hawaii	L
O. 25	at Nevada	*
N. 1	at LSU	L
N. 8	SMU	*
N. 15	at Tulsa	W
N. 29	Rice	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	Oklahoma St.	W	39-36
S. 7	at Clemson	L	13-33
S. 14	Tulsa	W	53-9
S. 21	at Penn State	L	17-49
S. 28	at Texas A&M	L	3-31
O. 5	at Rice	L	20-37
O. 19	at SMU	L	34-37
O. 26	Nevada	W	50-47
N. 9	at San Jose St.	L	30-42
N. 16	at Boise State	L	10-36
N. 23	UTEP	W	38-24
D. 5	Fresno State	L	13-45

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.7 ppg	64
Rushing	115.2 ypg	96
Passing	302.8 ypg	10
Total	417.9 ypg	19
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.5 ppg	104
Rushing	176.8 ypg	89
Passing	264.4 ypg	106
Total	441.2 ypg	105
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-13	-1.08	102

Head Coach: Jack Bicknell III

2002 Record (WAC): 4-8 (3-5)

Baylor bears

Offense

Since the formation of the Big 12, Baylor has had as many head coaches (four) as conference wins. But at least new coach Guy Morriss does have experience turning around programs, taking Kentucky from 2-9 to 7-5 in two seasons.

Morriss begins his attempt to resurrect Baylor with a solid passer in junior Aaron Karas, who set a single-season school record for completion percentage last season (59.8).

Karas has a stable of strong running backs at his disposal, including explosive tailbacks Rashad Armstrong and Jonathan Golden. The Bears also return one proven receiver in Robert Quiroga, who averaged 11.3 yards per catch.

The concern is Baylor's offensive line. The Bears allowed 52 sacks, converted 33.9 percent of third-down chances and rushed for 2.8 yards per carry, all last in the conference. Many of Baylor's offensive woes can be blamed on the poor play up front. And with just two starters returning — left tackle Quintin Outland and center Cedric Fields — the line again is a serious area of concern.

Defense

The middle of the Baylor defensive front is a potential problem area. Fortunately for the Bears, the ends appear to be more promising. Senior Dominick Cravens is beginning to assert himself on one side, while junior Khari Long may be Baylor's best playmaker up front. The line should also receive a lift from Montez Murphy, the only junior college transfer in Morriss' first Baylor recruiting class.

Baylor's more aggressive eight-man front will be headlined by some potentially strong line-

backers. John Garrett, when healthy, is an athletic headhunter in the middle who has the speed and instincts to make plays from sideline to sideline. Emphasizing speed and playmaking ability, the Bears will use former strong safety Derrick Cash at one "outside safety," while Willie Andrews will see duties on the other side. Andrews may be the best athlete on the defense.

In the secondary, junior cornerback Tyson Hampton has all the tools to be one of the better defensive backs in the Big 12, and fellow corner Matt Johnson also has plenty of experience and explosiveness on the other side. Free safety Maurice Lane is an adequate defensive back, and the Bears have solid depth in the secondary with Anthony Arline and Danielle McLean.

Specialists

Sophomore punter Jeremy Parker is back after averaging just 35.6 yards per punt. The Bears have several possibilities at placekicker, but true freshman Ryan Havens may earn the position this summer. During his high school career, Havens hit 20-of-29 field goals and 43-of-47 extra points.

Final Analysis

Morriss isn't making any outlandish promises, and he acknowledges the Bears are a long way away from being a factor in the Big 12. But with a non-conference schedule that features UAB, North Texas, SMU and Sam Houston State, Baylor has a chance to start quickly. "It would be huge to get off to a good start," Morriss says. "It would be a confidence boost, and this team needs confidence." It also needs to stay healthy and protect the ball. The Bears do not possess enough depth to endure many injuries. And to simply be competitive in the league, Baylor must do a better job in cutting down turnovers. The Bears were a league-worst minus-17 in turnovers. With a fast start and a little luck, the Bears could take a step in the right direction by winning four games.

Big 12 South Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #101



Aaron Karas

Peter Brouillet

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 82 Robert Quiroga (Sr.)	1 J.T. Thompson (Sr.)
WR 3 Marques Roberts (Jr.)	87 John Martin (Jr.)
LT 74 Quintin Outland (Jr.)	64 Brad Schlueter (Jr.)
LG 71 Akeem Rettig (Fr.)	63 Randy Cornejo (Sr.)
C 76 Cedric Fields (Sr.)	75 Joe DeWoody (Jr.)
RG 77 Lequan McDonald (So.)	66 Jacob Pitman (Fr.)
RT 79 Glen Oskin (So.)	67 Travis Farst (Fr.)
TE 44 Shane Williams (Sr.)	83 Iris Williams (Fr.)
QB 2 Aaron Karas (Jr.)	7 Davon Vinson (So.)
TB 32 Rashad Armstrong (Sr.)	48 Jonathan Golden (Sr.)
FB 45 Jonathan Evans (Jr.)	86 Billy Crawford (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 96 Dominick Cravens (Sr.)	94 Joe Simmons (Sr.)
DT 92 Michael Gary (Fr.)	54 Corey Ford (Fr.)
DT 84 Luke Groth (Jr.)	53 Lorenzo Davis (So.)
DE 91 Khari Long (Jr.)	90 Montez Murphy (So.)
OS 33 Derrick Cash (Sr.)	15 Maurice Linquist (Fr.)
LB 5 John Garrett (Sr.)	34 Colin Allred (So.)
LB 58 Michael Tolbert (Jr.)	42 Stephen Sepulveda (Sr.)
OS 18 Willie Andrews (So.)	16 Larry Bynum (Sr.)
CB 4 Tyson Hampton (Jr.)	41 Anthony Arline (Fr.)
CB 23 Matt Johnson (Sr.)	36 James Todd (Fr.)
FS 21 Maurice Lane (So.)	8 Danielle McLean (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 15 Adam Tomlinson (So.)
P 19 Jeremy Parker (So.)
KR 82 Robert Quiroga (Sr.)
PR 1 J.T. Thompson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Aaron Karas, 150-251-1,792-13, 6 TDs
Rushing:	Rashad Armstrong, 159 car., 647 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	Robert Quiroga, 49 rec., 556 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Derrick Cash, 64, 50 solo
Sacks:	Khari Long, 4.5
Interceptions:	Bobby Hart, 3 for 29 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

16.8 Baylor averaged just 16.8 points per game last season. The Bears were shut out four times in 2002 and were outscored by an average of 24.5 points per game.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 UAB	*
S. 6 at North Texas	L
S. 13 SMU	*
S. 20 Sam Houston	W
O. 4 Colorado	L
O. 11 at Texas A&M	L
O. 18 at Kansas	*
O. 25 Texas	L
N. 1 at Kansas State	L
N. 8 Texas Tech	L
N. 15 at Oklahoma	L
N. 22 Oklahoma State	L

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at California	L 22-70
S. 7 Samford	W 50-12
S. 14 at New Mexico	L 0-23
S. 21 Tulsa	W 37-25
O. 5 Kansas	W 35-32
O. 12 Texas A&M	L 0-41
O. 19 at Colorado	L 0-34
O. 26 Kansas State	L 10-44
N. 2 at Texas Tech	L 11-62
N. 9 at Texas	L 0-41
N. 16 Oklahoma	L 9-49
N. 23 at Oklahoma St.	L 28-63

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.8 ppg	115
Rushing	103.4 ypg	105
Passing	231.5 ypg	47
Total	334.9 ypg	95
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	41.3 ppg	114
Rushing	163.6 ypg	69
Passing	241.7 ypg	93
Total	405.3 ypg	89
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-17	-1.42	115

Head Coach: Guy Morriss

2002 Record (Big 12): 3-9 (1-7)

Ohio bobcats

Offense

Ohio University showed it could open up its option offense just enough to hurt the defense with the pass. That helped turn a 1-5 start into a 4-8 finish.

Quarterback Fred Ray keyed the turnaround. Ray's running ability is a given. But it was his performance in the final six games — 45-of-76 passing (59 percent) for 613 yards, five touchdowns and no INTs — which made folks stand up and notice. Granted, in the pass-and-catch MAC those numbers are miniscule, but in the option, that stands for true diversity. Ray, however, will be challenged by Ryan Hawk, a transfer from Miami.

Leading rusher and team leader Chad Brinker is gone. The top returning rusher is slotback Stafford Owens, who gained 371 yards on 62 carries. Owens does just as much damage as a receiver. He caught 17 passes — a lot for an option team — for 259 yards. Veteran Ray Huston (27 carries, 109 yards) will be first in line to take over the rushing load from Brinker.

Defense

This is where the Bobcats have some serious work to do. Weakened by injuries, the Ohio defense allowed an average of 153.7 yards on the ground and 224.1 yards in the air. Injuries continue to be a concern on the defensive line, where two projected starters, noseguard Andre Parker and end Garrett Bush, were still recovering from injuries after the end of spring drills. If one or both are at less than 100 percent, it will be difficult for the OU defense to get much pressure on the quarterback.

The Bobcats welcome back every player on

15 Ohio outgained Florida on the ground by 15 yards (178-163) in the Bobcats' 34-6 loss in Gainesville last season. The Bobcats led 3-0 at one point.

their two-deep at linebacker. And most of the linebackers worked out at several different positions during the spring to add to the unit's flexibility. Look for junior Dennis Chukwuemeka to stay at inside linebacker, where he had 116 stops and led the team with 14 tackles for a loss.

The wealth of talent at linebacker spilled over into the secondary. Former starting outside linebacker Rob Stover has moved to safety. The junior will help solidify a position in transition.

Specialists

The Bobcats will have two unproven kickers going into the season. Matthew Miller and Greg DiMarino will battle for both spots.

Owens is one of the top punt return men in the MAC. He averaged 10 yards per return and had a 72-yard touchdown. And Dion Byrum (20.8 yards per return) was a threat on kickoff returns, so much so that teams kicked away from him after the first three games of the season.

Final Analysis

There is an air of optimism about the offense, now that it has proven capable of throwing the football enough to keep defenses honest. But it is tough to see OU contending for a league crown with both the offensive and defensive lines unstable due to injuries, and with its unproven kicking game.

A non-league schedule that includes Iowa State, Minnesota and Kentucky does not appear to be conducive to keeping linemen healthy, either. Add in the fact that no back in this offense has proven to be a consistent 20-carry performer. There are just too many questions with this team.

However, if recent history is an indicator, the Bobcats have proven they can rebound from early adversity (1-5 to start last season, 4-8 to finish) to be a thorn in the side of potential MAC contenders down the stretch.

MAC East Prediction: 5th

National Forecast: #102



Stafford Owens

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 86 Keyon Ingram (Sr.)	89 Ahmona Maxwell (Fr.)
WR* 4 Anthony Hackett (So.)	30 Justin Halada (Sr.)
LT 80 Derek Gandy (Sr.)	70 Dave Williams (Jr.)
LG 77 Dennis Thompson (Jr.)	62 Aaron Bryant (Fr.)
C 69 Ralph Bracamonte (Jr.)	52 Troy Denerson (Jr.)
RG 64 Brian Brown (Sr.)	75 Mike Nelson (So.)
RT 61 Cole Wesley (So.)	66 Steve Lawrence (Sr.)
TE 84 Ryan Antle (Jr.)	88 D.T. Boon (Sr.)
SB 7 Stafford Owens (Jr.)	9 Chris Jackson (Fr.)
QB 10 Fred Ray (Sr.)	12 Ryan Hawk (Jr.)
FB 47 Brad Young (So.)	42 Phillip Fountain (So.)
HB 29 Ray Huston (Jr.)	20 Justin Roush (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 96 Keith Adamson (Sr.)	58 Chris Collins (Jr.)
NG 72 Eli Kiener (Sr.)	99 Andre Parker (Jr.)
DE 98 Kevin Carberry (Jr.)	91 Garrett Bush (Jr.)
LB 90 Hugh Grant (Sr.)	59 Rich Constantine (Sr.)
LB 46 Dennis Chukwuemeka (Jr.)	31 Pete Brately (Jr.)
LB 22 Spencer Tatum (So.)	55 Demetri Taylor (Sr.)
LB 44 Charles Terry (Sr.)	26 Tyler Russ (Fr.)
CB 15 Dion Byrum (So.)	14 Marquis Parham (Fr.)
CB 2 André Bradford (Jr.)	43 Thomas Wright (Fr.)
FS 11 Chip Cox (Jr.)	16 Rashad Butler (Jr.)
SS 23 Rob Stover (Jr.)	40 Bo Leberherz (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Greg DiMarino (So.)
P 14 Matthew Miller (So.)
KR 15 Dion Byrum (So.)
PR 7 Stafford Owens (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Freddie Ray, 56-100-712-2, 5 TDs
Rushing:	Stafford Owens, 62 car., 371 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Stafford Owens, 17 rec., 259 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Dennis Chukwuemeka, 116, 60 solo
Sacks:	Dennis Chukwuemeka, 4
Interceptions:	3 players with 2 INTs

*The 12 offensive positions represent multiple formations.
Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 28 SE Missouri State	W
S. 6 at Iowa State	L
S. 13 Minnesota	L
S. 27 Western Michigan	L
O. 4 at Northern Illinois	L
O. 11 UCF	L
O. 18 at Kentucky	L
O. 25 at Buffalo	*
N. 8 Kent State	*
N. 15 at Akron	*
N. 22 Miami (OH)	L
N. 28 at Marshall	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Pittsburgh	L 14-27
S. 7 Northeastern	L 0-31
S. 14 at Florida	L 6-34
S. 21 at Connecticut	L 19-37
S. 28 Buffalo	W 34-32
O. 5 at Bowling Green	L 21-72
O. 12 E. Michigan	W 55-27
O. 19 at Kent State	W 50-0
N. 2 at Miami (OH)	L 20-38
N. 9 Akron	W 27-10
N. 23 Marshall	L 21-24
N. 30 at UCF	L 32-42

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.9 ppg	74
Rushing	239.8 ypg	8
Passing	87.4 ypg	117
Total	327.3 ypg	100
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.2 ppg	88
Rushing	153.7 ypg	55
Passing	224.1 ypg	66
Total	377.8 ypg	66
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	60

Head Coach: Brian Knorr

2002 Record (MAC): 4-8 (4-4)

Navy *midshipmen*

Offense

Navy lacks both size and speed on offense, but the Midshipmen do have at least one thing going for them this fall: an experienced, fearless quarterback. If senior Craig Candeto can stay healthy, he could be in line for a big season running Navy's triple option attack. Navy averaged 270.8 yards rushing per game in 2002, third-best in the country. The 5'11", 197-pound senior was electric at times. Candeto participated only sparingly in spring practices because he's also one of Navy's best baseball players, but backup Aaron Polanco looked sharp in the spring.

Though Navy doesn't throw much, it would help if Candeto improved his accuracy. Last season he completed just 49.5 percent of his passes.

At running back, junior Eric Roberts is one of Navy's best athletes, but he needs to prove he can hold onto the ball. Roberts is also Navy's best receiving threat coming out of the backfield. Several players will compete for time at the fullback spot, including Kyle Eckel, Michael Brimage and Bronston Carroll. Brimage was the most effective of the bunch last season.

Navy will need to fill some holes at wide receiver and on the offensive line. Lionel Wesley is the Mids' leading returner at wideout, but he caught only eight passes last season. Right tackle Josh Goodin is Navy's only full-time returning starter up front, although August Roitsch and Shane Todd split time at center last season. Todd, the Mids' biggest lineman, will move to guard.

Defense

Defensive coordinator Buddy Green has permanently shifted the Mids into a 3-4 alignment

25 Navy lost 25 fumbles last year, more than any team in the country. In the Mids' two wins, over SMU and Army, they lost zero fumbles.

in an effort to improve team speed by putting another linebacker on the field. Navy rarely got pressure on opposing quarterbacks without blitzing. The Mids' defensive line recorded only 11 sacks on the year. Senior Ralph Henry and junior Pierre Moss will try to improve that statistic.

The Mids are hoping for a big year from senior outside linebacker Eddie Carthan, who led the team in tackles for a loss last year. "He's probably our best defensive player," Johnson says. "He's our best pass rusher, so you'll probably see him coming off the edge at times."

Carthan will need help from sophomore Jeremy Chase, who showed tremendous promise at middle linebacker as a freshman, and safety Josh Smith, who led the team in tackles with 127.

Specialists

Two years ago, punter John Skaggs set a school record and was ranked fifth nationally with a 44.8-yard average. That slipped to 41.2 last season. Junior Aaron Weedo could provide a spark returning both kickoffs and punts. He returned a punt 45 yards against Notre Dame last year in one of Navy's few big plays on special teams. Kicker Eric Rolfs has a strong leg but needs to improve his consistency.

Final Analysis

Year one of the Johnson era went about as well as could be expected, but there is still a ton of work to be done. Candeto could be a very productive player, but only if three new starters on the offensive line jell quickly. The defense still desperately lacks speed and size. Working in the Midshipmen's favor is a more realistic schedule. A near-upset of Notre Dame last year at Ravens Stadium breathed some life into the program. Johnson said watching his players in tears after the 30-23 loss proved to him they really did care about turning the program around.

Independent

National Forecast: #103



Craig Candeto

Al Koolstra

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 17 Amir Jenkins (Jr.)	83 Mike Yokitis (So.)
WR 18 Lionel Wesley (Jr.)	89 Cory Dryden (Jr.)
LT 79 Nick Wilson (Jr.)	70 Tucker Bennett (Sr.)
LG 63 Sean Magee (Sr.)	69 Nate Chase (Sr.)
C 74 August Roitsch (Jr.)	58 Dan Peters (Sr.)
RG 67 Shane Todd (Sr.)	71 Matt McLaughlin (Jr.)
RT 66 Josh Goodin (Jr.)	62 Casey Hughes (Jr.)
QB 11 Craig Candeto (Sr.)	6 Aaron Polanco (Jr.)
SB 34 Eric Roberts (Jr.)	33 Aaron Weedo (Jr.)
SB 21 Tony Lane (Sr.)	25 Sam Mathews (So.)
FB 36 Michael Brimage (Jr.)	32 Kyle Eckel (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 92 Pierre Moss (Jr.)	94 Steve Adair (Sr.)
NG 59 Kevin Schwind (Sr.)	91 Babatunde Akingbemi (Jr.)
DE 95 Ralph Henry (Sr.)	99 Sean McElhannon (Jr.)
LB 44 Lane Jackson (Jr.)	40 Ryan McCabe (Jr.)
LB 49 Jeremy Chase (So.)	53 T.J. Costello (Jr.)
LB 50 Ben Mathews (Sr.)	55 Dustin Elliott (Jr.)
LB 56 Eddie Carthan (Sr.)	48 Reggie Sealey (Jr.)
CB 16 Shalimar Brazier (Sr.)	31 Marcus Sanders (Sr.)
CB 23 Vaughn Kelley (Jr.)	37 Sina Ekundayo (Sr.)
FS 24 Wayne Irons (Jr.)	28 Lane Montgomery (Jr.)
ROV14 Josh Smith (Jr.)	45 Eli Sanders (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 80 Eric Rolfs (Sr.)
P 82 John Skaggs (Sr.)
KR 33 Aaron Weedo (Jr.)
PR 33 Aaron Weedo (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Craig Candeto, 51-103-843-4, 5 TDs
Rushing:	Craig Candeto, 177 car., 475 yds., 16 TDs
Receiving:	Eric Roberts, 17 rec., 429 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Josh Smith, 127, 69 solo
Sacks:	Eddie Carthan, 3
Interceptions:	Josh Smith, 2 for 69 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 VMI	W
S. 6 at TCU	L
S. 20 Eastern Michigan	W
S. 27 at Rutgers	W
O. 4 #Air Force	L
O. 11 at Vanderbilt	L
O. 18 at Rice	*
O. 25 Delaware	W
N. 1 Tulane	L
N. 8 at Notre Dame	L
N. 22 Central Michigan	*
D. 6 %Army	*
#Landonover, MD	
%Philadelphia, PA	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at SMU	W 38-7
S. 7 NC State	L 19-65
S. 21 Northwestern	L 40-49
S. 28 Duke	L 17-43
O. 5 at Air Force	L 7-48
O. 12 Rice	L 10-17
O. 19 at Boston College	L 21-46
O. 26 at Tulane	L 30-51
N. 9 Notre Dame	L 23-30
N. 16 Connecticut	L 0-38
N. 23 at Wake Forest	L 27-30
D. 7 Army	W 58-12

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	24.2 ppg	79
Rushing	270.8 ypg	3
Passing	98.7 ypg	115
Total	369.4 ypg	67
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	36.3 ppg	108
Rushing	202.5 ypg	102
Passing	220.3 ypg	63
Total	422.8 ypg	99
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
-14	-1.17	105

Head Coach: Paul Johnson

2002 Record: 2-10

Army

cadets

Offense

Perhaps the best news of the spring for Army football was junior quarterback Reggie Nevels' decision to rejoin the team. Nevels left the program for "personal reasons" in February, but was welcomed back in late April. The multi-dimensional signal caller started six games in 2002 and led the team in total yards per game (111.9).

Nevels' biggest competition will come from sophomore Zac Dahman. While Dahman's not the running threat that Nevels is, he is a more prolific passer, having led Army with 1,039 passing yards a year ago.

No matter who starts, Army desperately needs to improve its offensive punch. The team ranked last in the conference in both total offense (299.5 ypg) and scoring offense (18.8 ppg).

When the Cadets run the ball, they'll most often put the pigskin in the capable hands of sophomore Carlton Jones. As a freshman, Jones led the team with 611 rushing yards.

With six lettermen and two starters returning, the receiver position is one of Army's deepest. William White and Aaron Alexander are the team's most talented wideouts. The 6'5" Alexander provides quite a target, and he led the team with 17.5 yards per catch. White paced the team with 30 receptions and always seemed to make the clutch catches.

Army loses four of its five offensive line starters, a unit that allowed a C-USA-low 18 sacks. Hunking junior left tackle Joel Glover (6'5", 276) is the lone returning starter.

Defense

Ever the optimist, coach Todd Berry lists the defensive line as one of the team's real strengths,

4 Freshman quarterback Zac Dahman started four games last year. Amazingly, it's also the number of games started by freshman quarterbacks ever in Army history prior to last season.

this despite giving up a league-high 210 yards rushing per game last year. Juniors Keenan Beasley and Odene Brathwaite anchor the unit at the end positions, while former end Will Sullivan will start at one of the tackle positions. Trey Landry, who started four games last year, is expected to earn the other starting job.

Army is justifiably proud of the type of leaders it produces, and there is no finer example than senior outside linebacker Ryan Kent. Army's leading tackler last year, Kent is more importantly the team's emotional leader.

"When Ryan talks," says Berry, "everyone on the football team listens. He's the guy that runs the ship and everyone knows it."

Junior corners Jonathan Lewis and Delente Brewer are both back for their third year as starters, giving Army some measure of confidence and experience in the defensive backfield.

Specialists

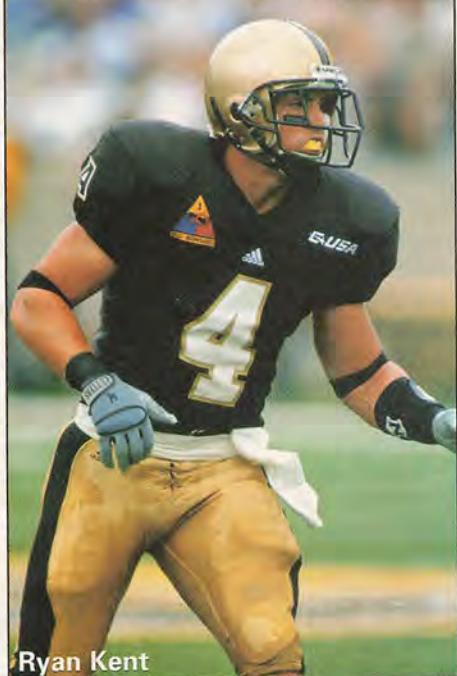
Left-footed junior Alex Bradford inherits punting duties, while Joe Riley, who improved as the season went on last year, returns as place-kicker. White is one of the nation's top kick returners, ranking 44th in the country last year with 22.5 yards per return.

Final Analysis

When football coaches take on a rebuilding job, they always point to that year in the future when their own recruits will be starting on both sides of the ball, when they'll have a little depth and experience at key positions. For Army, this is that year.

Now in his fourth season at West Point, Berry was pleased with the work ethic his players showed during the off-season, and he expects dramatic improvement from last year's 1-11 showing. If Jones continues to improve like Berry believes he will, and if quarterbacks Nevels and Dahman give Berry the nice problem of having two good quarterbacks, this team could put some points on the board.

C-USA Prediction: 11th
National Forecast: #104



Ryan Kent

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 19 Aaron Alexander (Jr.)	87 Bruce Brown (So.)
WR 81 Clint Woody (Sr.)	11 Blaine Cooper (So.)
WR 17 Jacob Murphy (So.)	18 William White (Jr.)
LT 75 Joel Glover (Jr.)	76 Regan Tatford (Jr.)
LG 71 Adam Wojcik (Jr.)	57 Andy Dytrych (Jr.)
C 65 David Evetts (Jr.)	51 Justin Troy (Jr.)
RG 68 Jake Holly (Jr.)	67 Pete Bier (So.)
RT 66 Brad Waudby (Sr.)	74 Seth Nieman (Jr.)
TE 85 Doug Horaist (Jr.)	83 Christian Montagiani (Jr.)
QB 7 Zac Dahman (So.)	5 Reggie Nevels (Jr.)
RB 30 Carlton Jones (So.)	32 D.J. Blackledge (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 97 Keenan Beasley (Jr.)	56 Mike Clark (Jr.)
DT 98 Will Sullivan (Jr.)	92 Tommy Ryan (So.)
DT 50 Trey Landry (Jr.)	69 Seth Lotts (So.)
DE 95 Odene Brathwaite (Jr.)	96 Phillip Edmondson (So.)
OLB 4 Ryan Kent (Sr.)	42 Taylor Justice (So.)
ILB 40 Brian Hill (Sr.)	44 Matt Maimone (Jr.)
ILB 16 Greg Washington (Jr.)	49 Tom Farrington (Sr.)
OLB 31 Curt Daniels (Jr.)	3 Mikel Resnick (Jr.)
CB 38 Jonathan Lewis (Jr.)	39 Mario Price (So.)
CB 37 Delente Brewer (Jr.)	29 Ray Stith (So.)
FS 21 Lucius Weaver (Jr.)	20 Dhyon Tarver (So.)

Special Teams

K 23 Joe Riley (So.)
P 27 Alex Bradford (Jr.)
KR 18 William White (Jr.)
PR 29 Ray Stith (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Zac Dahman, 89-184-1,039-9, 5 TDs
Rushing:	Carlton Jones, 161 car., 611 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving:	William White, 30 rec., 384 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Ryan Kent, 94, 54 solo
Sacks:	Will Sullivan, 5
Interceptions:	Ryan Kent, 2 for 12 yds., Delente Brewer, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

S. 6 Connecticut	L
S. 13 Rutgers	L
S. 20 Tulane	L
S. 27 South Florida	L
O. 4 at TCU	L
O. 11 at Louisville	L
O. 18 East Carolina	L
O. 25 at Cincinnati	L
N. 1 at UAB	L
N. 8 at Air Force	L
N. 15 Houston	*
N. 22 at Hawaii	L
D. 6 #Navy	*
#Philadelphia, PA	

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 7 Holy Cross	L 21-30
S. 14 at Rutgers	L 0-44
S. 21 Louisville	L 14-45
S. 28 Southern Miss	L 6-27
O. 5 at East Carolina	L 24-59
O. 12 TCU	L 27-46
O. 19 at Houston	L 42-56
O. 26 UAB	L 26-29
N. 9 Air Force	L 30-49
N. 16 at Tulane	W 14-10
N. 23 at Memphis	L 10-38
D. 7 at Navy	L 12-58

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.8 ppg	106
Rushing	120.4 ypg	90
Passing	179.1 ypg	85
Total	299.5 ypg	113
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	40.9 ppg	112
Rushing	210.0 ypg	109
Passing	182.9 ypg	23
Total	392.9 ypg	76
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.17	105

Head Coach: Todd Berry

2002 Record (C-USA): 1-11 (1-7)

Central Michigan chippewas

Offense

If Central Michigan is to continue its slow ascension up the MAC food chain, the Chippewas must improve offensively after ranking 12th in the league last season.

Finding a solid No. 1 quarterback is the top priority. Senior Derrick Vickers is the incumbent, but that didn't mean much in the spring. DeBord opened the quarterback position for competition, and junior Jeff Perry emerged at the top of the depth chart. Perry, who has not thrown a pass in a game since high school, tossed two touchdowns in the spring game and led his team to a 14-7 win. He will have to fight off junior Grant Arnoldink, sophomore Kent Smith and Vickers during preseason camp.

Terrence Jackson, a second-team All-MAC pick in 2001, was slowed by a foot injury that limited him to just 399 yards in seven games last fall. Keenan Lawhorne will also get some carries.

Injuries to the receiving corps played a large part in the Chippewas' anemic pass offense. Three players expected to contribute — Obed Cértaute Genaille, Scott Gibson and Willie Hill — missed the entire 2002 season. Senior Steve Messam, who had 26 receptions for 300 yards and three touchdowns, is the top returning pass catcher.

Three starters return on the offensive line. Junior Adam Kieft and Eric Ghiaciuc will man tackle and center, and Derek McLaughlin is back at one guard position. Sophomore Jeff Jenerou started five games last season at the other tackle position. The foursome averages over 300 pounds and will present a formidable front in the MAC.

1974 CMU defeated Delaware in the 1974 Camellia Bowl to win the NCAA Division II national crown. The Chippewas finished 12-1 that season.

Defense

Junior Kalani Muragin is the lone returning starter from one of CMU's strongest units last season — the defensive line. Muragin will battle promising sophomore Tony Thompson to hold onto his position.

The Chips welcome back two starting linebackers, Anthony Tyus Jr. and Omari Colen, but senior Eddie Hillery beat out Colen for the start on the weak side during the spring. Tyus and Colen combined for 118 tackles last season.

The secondary features a pair of returning starters in junior safety James King and senior cornerback Dante McKnight, though McKnight was beat out in the spring by junior Derrick Vickers. Holoman. Former receiver Marlin Maxwell is the frontrunner at the other corner.

Specialists

Special teams should be a strength for CMU thanks to the return of punter Brian Brandt and kicker Mike Gruzowski. Brandt averaged 39.6 yards a punt last season, and Gruzowski earned Freshman All-America accolades after connecting on 14-of-19 field goals.

Final Analysis

Over DeBord's first three seasons, CMU has improved from 2-9 to 3-8 to 4-8. Small steps to be sure, but the Chippewas still won four games last season despite finishing 12th in the MAC in pass offense and 13th in pass defense. DeBord is confident that this is the season that CMU breaks out of the one-more-win-than-last-year trend.

"I expected to win immediately," DeBord says of his arrival at CMU four seasons ago. "However, our program was not ready to win. We have made great progress with a lot of things. I think we have more depth and speed now, and I could see us making a great jump this year."

If that's to happen, the offense will need to improve significantly, starting with the quarterback situation.

MAC West Prediction: 5th

National Forecast: #105



Terrence Jackson

Central Michigan SID

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	2 Jacob Brown (Jr.)	80 Scott Gibson (So.)
WR	5 Justin Harper (So.)	7 Steve Messam (Sr.)
LT	70 Adam Kieft (Jr.)	73 Tom Langton (Sr.)
LG	60 Derek McLaughlin (Sr.)	64 Eric Karbowski (Fr.)
C	69 Eric Ghiaciuc (Jr.)	68 Jay Gillette (Fr.)
RG	78 Drew Mormino (Fr.)	61 Brandon Pitzer (Jr.)
RT	72 Jeff Jenerou (So.)	77 Dean Zarafonitis (So.)
TE	85 Tory Humphrey (Jr.)	86 Dave Kurzen (Jr.)
QB	11 Jeff Perry (Jr.)	10 Derrick Vickers (Sr.)
FB	49 Adam Supianowski (Sr.)	32 Bryan Lindstrom (Jr.)
HB	29 Terrence Jackson (Sr.)	21 Keenan Lawhorne (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE	55 William Brookshire (Jr.)	94 John Pittman (Jr.)
DT	56 Matt Wohlgemuth (Sr.)	97 Damon Petty (Fr.)
NG	76 Tony Thompson (So.)	99 Kalani Muragin (Jr.)
DE	93 Dan Bazuin (Fr.)	92 Ike Ajoku (Sr.)
WLB	53 Eddie Hillery (Sr.)	34 Omari Colen (Jr.)
MLB	45 Anthony Tyus Jr. (Jr.)	39 Jimmy Reese (So.)
S	24 James King (Jr.)	46 Doug Kress (Fr.)
S	26 Jon Nelson (So.)	44 Jason Smith (So.)
CB	32 Derrick Holoman (Jr.)	25 Dante McKnight (Sr.)
CB	33 Marlin Maxwell (So.)	30 Jesse Dailey (So.)
FS	22 Mike Thomas (Jr.)	28 Orlando Walton (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	43 Mike Gruzowski (So.)
P	40 Brian Brandt (Sr.)
KR	33 Marlin Maxwell (So.)
PR	5 Justin Harper

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Derrick Vickers, 175-320-1,828-5, 9 TDs
Rushing:	Terrence Jackson, 103 car., 399 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Steve Messam, 26 rec., 300 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles:	Dante McKnight, 104, 74 solo
Sacks:	Matt Wohlgemuth, 6
Interceptions:	James King, 4 for 17 yds., Dante McKnight, 4 for 5 yds.

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BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at Michigan	L
S. 6	New Hampshire	W
S. 13	E. Kentucky	W
S. 20	at Ball State	L
O. 4	at Bowling Green	L
O. 11	Northern Illinois	L
O. 18	Toledo	L
O. 25	at UCF	L
N. 1	E. Michigan	*
N. 8	Akron	L
N. 15	at W. Michigan	L
N. 22	at Navy	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29	Sam Houston	W	34-10
S. 7	Wyoming	W	32-20
S. 14	at Akron	W	24-17
S. 21	at Indiana	L	29-39
S. 28	at Boston Coll.	L	0-43
O. 12	Bowling Green	L	35-45
O. 19	at No. Illinois	L	0-49
O. 26	Marshall	L	18-23
N. 2	at E. Michigan	W	47-21
N. 9	at Toledo	L	17-44
N. 16	Ball State	L	21-38
N. 23	W. Michigan	L	10-35

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	92
Rushing	206.1 ypg	23
Passing	166.2 ypg	95
Total	372.3 ypg	62
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.0 ppg	93
Rushing	140.8 ypg	45
Passing	264.4 ypg	106
Total	405.3 ypg	89
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.25	47

Head Coach: Mike DeBord

2002 Record (MAC): 4-8 (2-6)

SMU

mustangs

Offense

Due to a pair of late defections, SMU coach Phil Bennett was forced to bite the bullet and play two inexperienced redshirt freshmen quarterbacks last fall. That resulted in some wish-bone-like passing numbers for the Mustangs as they stumbled out of the gate to an 0-7 start.

That, however, shouldn't be the case in 2003.

Richard Bartel returns after going 3-2 in a starting role at the end of the season and completing 60.1 percent of his passes for 1,078 yards and eight touchdowns. By comparison, the Ponies threw just three touchdown passes in the first seven games of a 3-9 campaign.

Bartel and Tate Wallis both were thrust into the starting lineup as freshmen after David Page and Kelan Luker quit football before the season to pursue other interests. Toss in the fact that standout wide receiver Chris Cunningham was also lost for the season with a broken foot, and it's easy to understand why SMU finished 106th in the nation in passing efficiency.

With two experienced quarterbacks, plus Cunningham, Bennett vows to open up things more on offense this season.

SMU's running attack should be one of the best in the WAC. Senior Keylon Kincade earned second team all-conference honors and was quite simply a workhorse last season for the Mustangs, rushing a school-record 327 times for 1,279 yards and seven touchdowns.

Defense

Seven starters return from a unit that allowed the fewest first downs in the WAC (218) but was prone to giving up the big play.

The defensive line returns three starters, including tackle Allan Adami, an all-conference

candidate. Adami had 13.5 tackles for a loss. Bennett is expecting big things from ends Don Jeremia-Stansbury and Melvin Williams, who combined to start 12 games last season.

The Mustangs lose three-time All-WAC pick Vic Vilorio at middle linebacker, but Bennett still believes his veteran linebackers have the makings of a good unit. Both outside linebackers, senior Brian Bischoff, who has 28 career starts, and D.D. Johnson, return. Junior D.D. Lee started the final two games last season when Vilorio was injured and did an excellent job stuffing the run.

The Mustangs lose one of the WAC's best in cornerback Kevin Garrett but return a number of players with extensive experience in the secondary. Leading the way is senior cornerback Jonas Rutledge, a first team All-WAC pick in 2001 who has 27 pass breakups over the last two seasons.

Specialists

Sophomore Ryan Mentzel, who averaged 38.2 yards, is back at punter. Classmate Chris McMurtry returns at placekicker, but highly touted freshman Ryan Wolcott also will get a strong look.

Rutledge is one of the nation's top kickoff returners. He has seven returns of 50 yards or more over the last two seasons.

Final Analysis

The Mustangs hope Bartel not only stays healthy but can also avoid the dreaded sophomore jinx. With Cunningham's return, SMU should have a much better passing attack and a more balanced offense than a year ago. The defense was stingy at times but prone to breakdowns and big plays. And special teams must improve greatly from a year ago.

The schedule is tough, but if the Mustangs can survive the first half of their season they could have the momentum to finish in the upper half of the WAC.

17.3 SMU averaged just 17.3 points per game in 2002. That ranked the Mustangs last in the WAC and 113th nationally.

WAC Prediction: 7th

National Forecast: #106



Richard Bartel

Wayne Murdoch

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR 7 Daniel Francis (So.)	83 Trey Griffin (Jr.)
WR 21 Chris Cunningham (Sr.)	10 Matt Rushbrook (Jr.)
LT 60 Eric Neal (Jr.)	71 Martin Guidry (Fr.)
LG 62 Brad Kieschnick (So.)	78 Chris Urbanus (Fr.)
C 69 Steve Reindl (Sr.)	63 Grant Eidson (So.)
RG 70 Townsend Hargis (Jr.)	67 Chad Meacham (Fr.)
RT 75 Sterling Harris (Sr.)	66 Matt Muns (Jr.)
TE 49 Trent Hrnir (Sr.)	89 Ryan Kennedy (Fr.)
QB 13 Richard Bartel (So.)	11 Tate Wallis (So.)
TB 32 Keylon Kincade (Sr.)	2 ShanDerrick Charles (Jr.)
FB 20 Derron Brown (Jr.)	34 Matt Young (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 90 Melvin Williams (Jr.)	40 Justin Rogers (Fr.)
NG 68 Randy Denman (Fr.)	94 Marcus Walker (So.)
DT 14 Allan Adami (Jr.)	58 Darrin Johnson (Fr.)
DE 30 D. Jeremia-Stansbury (So.)	54 Clay Glockzin (Jr.)
SLB 46 Brian Bischoff (Sr.)	45 Jarrian James (Sr.)
MLB 35 D.D. Lee (Jr.)	53 Reggie Carrington (Fr.)
WLB 38 D.D. Johnson (Sr.)	51 Cole Horton (Fr.)
CB 3 Jonas Rutledge (Sr.)	5 Robert Gilmore (Fr.)
CB 26 Rolando Humphrey (So.)	4 Ruben Moodley (Sr.)
SS 6 Rico Harris (Jr.)	28 Chris Godfrey (Jr.)
FS 16 Jamey Harper (So.)	27 Alvin Nnabuife (So.)

Special Teams

K 31 Chris McMurtry (So.)
P 41 Ryan Mentzel (So.)
KR 3 Jonas Rutledge (Sr.)
PR 21 Chris Cunningham (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Richard Bartel, 89-148-1,078-8, 8 TDs
Rushing:	Keylon Kincade, 327 car., 1,279 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving:	Daniel Francis, 29 rec., 276 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Allan Adami, 77, 27 solo
Sacks:	Brian Bischoff, 4, Don Jeremia-Stansbury, 4
Interceptions:	4 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Texas Tech	L
S. 13 at Baylor	*
S. 20 Oklahoma State	L
S. 27 at Nevada	*
O. 4 UTEP	*
O. 11 at San Jose State	L
O. 18 Boise State	L
O. 25 at Tulsa	*
N. 1 Fresno State	L
N. 8 at Louisiana Tech	*
N. 15 Rice	*
N. 29 TCU	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Navy	L	7-38
S. 7 Texas Tech	L	14-24
S. 14 at TCU	L	6-17
S. 21 at Oklahoma St.	L	16-52
S. 28 at Hawaii	L	10-42
O. 5 San Jose State	L	23-34
O. 12 at Fresno State	L	7-30
O. 19 Louisiana Tech	W	37-34
O. 26 at Rice	L	15-27
N. 2 Nevada	L	6-24
N. 16 at UTEP	W	42-35
N. 23 Tulsa	W	24-21

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense	17.3 ppg	113
Scoring	17.3 ppg	113
Rushing	182.3 ypg	39
Passing	159.3 ypg	98
Total	341.6 ypg	90
	Per Game	Rank
Defense	31.5 ppg	90
Scoring	31.5 ppg	90
Rushing	159.4 ypg	63
Passing	244.3 ypg	97
Total	403.8 ypg	86
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin	-1.00	97
-12	-1.00	97

Head Coach: Phil Bennett

2002 Record (WAC): 3-9 (3-5)

Kent State

golden flashes

Offense

Quarterback Joshua Cribbs may be one of the most lethal individual talents in the league, but his less than 50 percent accuracy as a passer and 14 interceptions offset his 7.7 yards-per-carry average and back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

New offensive coordinator Doug Martin has his work cut out for him with only one proven tailback, David Alston, in his stable. The diminutive Alston is coming off an injury-plagued junior season, which followed up a fumble-prone sophomore campaign. When healthy, the 5'10", 200-pounder has more than enough speed to keep defenses honest.

The big key for the offense will be getting improved passing production out of Cribbs, who could become the first Division I-A quarterback in history to rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in three straight seasons.

With a bevy of receivers standing 6'3" or taller, plus junior speedster Darrell Dowery, Cribbs has the targets to succeed.

Defense

Head coach Dean Pees has put his stamp on this unit the past several seasons. And while Pees is widely respected around the league, his units haven't been very productive because they have lacked playmakers.

There is hope that end Tomas Rodriguez or tackle David Muir can step up and emerge as difference-makers. Rodriguez is a converted tight end playing his first season on defense, while Muir is also unproven after sitting out his freshman season as a partial academic qualifier.

3 Kent State's offense failed to score more than three touchdowns in any of its 10 games against Division I-A competition last season. And four times, the Golden Flashes' offense failed to score a single TD.

Only senior tackle Alan Williams provides starting experience on the line.

If Kent is going to find any playmakers, they will probably come from the linebacking corps. No fewer than eight lettermen return with nearly as many others hoping to crack the two-deep. Junior Eric Mahl (60 tackles), in particular, looks to be primed for a potential All-MAC season.

Kent's cornerbacks will be new, but the safeties — juniors Shannon Davis, Vashawn Patrick and converted tailback Antonio King — are proven big hitters. Davis is a two-year starter at free safety, Patrick has seen significant action at strong safety, and King has proven his worth on special teams.

Specialists

Sophomore kicker Travis Mayle knocked through 12-of-14 field goal attempts with a long of 42 yards. Punter Joshua Brazen is unproven.

Davis is back to field punts after averaging 8.5 yards on 11 returns. King, a former running back, will return kickoffs after averaging 19.9 last season.

Final Analysis

With a healthy Cribbs, Kent is capable of beating any team in the league on any Saturday. But as they have shown far too often over the past two years, the Golden Flashes are also quite capable of losing to any team — and losing big — on any Saturday.

But after two years of on-the-job training for many of Kent's juniors and seniors, just taking care of the little things should translate into more wins.

Defensively, the Golden Flashes should at least hold their own. And if a few playmakers emerge on offense to help take some pressure off Cribbs, Kent State could climb a few notches up the ladder in the difficult Eastern Division of the MAC.

MAC East Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #107



Eric Mahl

Kent State SID

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

FL 28 Daryl Moore (Sr.)	88 Maurio Medley (Sr.)
SE 81 Darrell Dowery Jr. (Jr.)	87 Najah Pruden (Fr.)
SL 37 Derrick Bush (So.)	15 Antwan Smith (Fr.)
LT 72 Jason Andrews (Jr.)	58 Nate Manning (Fr.)
LG 78 Daniel Carter (So.)	64 Travis Vesper (Jr.)
C 52 Steve Smith (Sr.)	70 Tony Geohagan (Fr.)
RG 61 Shaun Sarrett (Sr.)	71 Craig Rafald (Fr.)
RT 63 Chad Bandiera (Jr.)	68 Luke McKenzie (So.)
TE 84 Neil Buckosh (Sr.)	95 Jim Alexander (Fr.)
QB 9 Joshua Cribbs (Jr.)	8 Darryl Polk (Jr.)
TB 7 David Alston (Sr.)	26 Elijah Brooks (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE 94 Tomas Rodriguez (So.)	8 Justin Parrish (So.)
NT 67 Alan Williams (Sr.)	55 Roger Attieh (So.)
DE 60 Daniel Muir (So.)	96 Tom Crock (Sr.)
OLB 29 Damian Stolorski (Jr.)	42 Justin Latimer (Fr.)
ILB 1 Anthony Henriquez (Sr.)	33 John Mathews (So.)
ILB 59 Eric Mahl (Jr.)	49 Jon Sessler (So.)
OLB 46 Bruce Rice (Fr.)	27 Antonio King (Jr.)
CB 35 Barry Drakeford (So.)	19 Tyrell McElroy (So.)
CB 21 Andre Ashley (Jr.)	31 Mike White (So.)
FS 20 Shannon Davis (Jr.)	4 Desmond Turner (Sr.)
SS 12 Vashawn Patrick (Jr.)	27 Antonio King (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 17 Travis Mayle (So.)
P 39 Joshua Brazen (So.)
KR 27 Antonio King (Jr.)
PR 20 Shannon Davis (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Joshua Cribbs, 91-186-1,014-14, 4 TDs
Rushing:	Joshua Cribbs, 137 car., 1,057 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving:	Darrell Dowery Jr., 34 rec., 348 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Shannon Davis, 86, 55 solo
Sacks:	Tom Crock, 2.5
Interceptions:	Shannon Davis, 2 for 32 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 28 at Akron	L
S. 6 at Pittsburgh	L
S. 13 Youngstown St.	W
S. 20 at Penn State	L
S. 27 UCF	L
O. 4 Ball State	*
O. 11 at Marshall	L
O. 18 Connecticut	L
O. 25 Miami (OH)	L
N. 8 at Ohio	*
N. 15 at Bowling Green	L
N. 22 Buffalo	W

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 New Hampshire	W 34-7
S. 7 at Ohio State	L 17-51
S. 14 Cal Poly	W 37-34
S. 21 at Miami (OH)	L 20-27
S. 28 at No. Illinois	L 6-13
O. 5 Marshall	L 21-42
O. 19 Ohio	L 0-50
O. 26 at Buffalo	W 16-12
N. 2 Bowling Green	L 14-45
N. 9 at Connecticut	L 21-63
N. 16 at UCF	L 6-32
N. 23 Akron	L 10-48

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense		
Scoring	16.8 ppg	115
Rushing	214.9 ypg	13
Passing	120.2 ypg	111
Total	335.1 ypg	94
	Per Game	Rank
Defense		
Scoring	35.3 ppg	103
Rushing	204.3 ypg	103
Passing	201.9 ypg	43
Total	406.3 ypg	93
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin		
-16	-1.33	113

Head Coach: Dean Pees

2002 Record (MAC): 3-9 (1-7)

Rice

owls

Offense

Despite the loss of five starters, Rice appears to be in fairly good shape offensively. The Owls welcome back both quarterbacks, starter Kyle Herm and often-used backup Greg Henderson, hard-nosed fullback Robbie Beck, receiver Marcus Battle and three full-time starters on the line.

Rice's triple-option attack was relatively effective last fall, but the Owls are looking for a return to their 2001 form when they were second in the nation in rushing at nearly 281.2 yards per game. Herm, who was third on the team in rushing (416 yards) and first in passing (685 yards) last fall, has 21 starts under his belt and knows how to run the option better than anybody. Henderson played in all but one game last year and gives Rice an added dimension with his arm strength.

Beck, who led the team with 601 yards rushing last year, will again be called upon to get the bulk of the carries. The Owls have a bevy of burly fullbacks and appear to be set at halfback.

Battle, who made the move from quarterback prior to the 2002 season, gives the Owls a legitimate deep threat. He was easily the team's leading receiver with 26 catches for 430 yards and two scores.

Defense

As if the loss of All-WAC defensive end Brandon Green wasn't enough to cause concern on defense, the Owls suffered a blow prior to spring ball when starting free safety John White and starting right cornerback Jason Benjamin

left the team, leaving Rice with only three full-time starters returning on defense.

Tackle Jeremy Calahan, who's started 14 consecutive games, will be looked upon to be the physical and emotional leader on the line. Middle linebacker Jeff Vanover is undersized, but he's a playmaker who had three sacks at Michigan State last year. He was held out of spring ball while recovering from shoulder surgery.

No unit is as important in the WAC as the defensive backfield, which routinely is under fire against some of the nation's top passing attacks. Patrick Dendy, who started five games last year, will start at one corner. The other spot is up grabs. Ray Morris Barnes, who started 11 games at corner, has moved to safety.

Specialists

The Owls handed the placekicking duties last year to true freshman Brennan Landry. He was an unspectacular 8-of-15 with a long kick of just 41 yards. Rice will be turning to redshirt freshman Jared Scruggs at punter, and will be relying on a new deep snapper.

Final Analysis

Coming off their best season — an 8-4 record in 2001 — in nearly 50 years, the Owls slumped to 4-7 last year but were a play or two away from winning three more games. The Owls will, as usual, move the ball at will on the ground and could be surprisingly efficient through the air. However, there are major issues on defense, especially in the secondary.

Rice doesn't have enough depth or talent to blow teams out, so the Owls must take advantage and win games that are close in the fourth quarter. That was something they couldn't do last year.

In the Ken Hatfield era, Rice has had a knack for bouncing back from subpar seasons with solid campaigns. The veteran coach believes his team will once again rebound.

WAC Prediction: 8th

National Forecast: #108



Kyle Herm

Chris Covatta

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	11 Marcus Battle (So.)	13 Jeremy Hurd (Sr.)
LT	60 Scott Mayhew (Jr.)	51 Cotey-Joe Cswaykus (Jr.)
LG	76 Micah Meador (Jr.)	55 Greg Wilson (Jr.)
C	52 Ben Stephens (Sr.)	63 Ross Huebel (Jr.)
RG	53 Mike Holman (Sr.)	71 Cory Laxen (Fr.)
RT	69 Chris DeMunbrun (Sr.)	65 David Carter (Fr.)
TE	89 Joe Wood (So.)	87 Matt Bolding (Fr.)
QB	1 Kyle Herm (Sr.)	5 Greg Henderson (Jr.)
FB	41 Robbie Beck (Sr.)	18 Ed Bailey (Jr.)
HB	23 Clint Hatfield (Jr.)	21 Thomas Lott (So.)
HB	7 Joe Moore (Jr.)	22 Mike Falco (Fr.)

Defense (3)

DE	62 Jimmy Shaw (Fr.)	94 Rob Daniel (So.)
DT	90 Jeremy Calahan (Jr.)	91 Jonathan Chism (Sr.)
NG	78 Ross Lassley (Sr.)	92 DeJaun Cooper (Fr.)
DE	47 John Syptak (So.)	88 Thadis Pegues (So.)
SLB	4 Jeff Vanover (Sr.)	27 Omeke Alikor (Fr.)
WLB	48 Adam Herrin (So.)	28 Brandon Boyd (Sr.)
ROV	10 Terry Holley (Jr.)	19 Clifford Sparks (Jr.)
CB	20 Patrick Dendy (Sr.)	6 Dustin Haynes (So.)
CB	2 Andray Downs (Fr.)	8 Lance Byrd (Fr.)
SS	37 Michael Merrick (So.)	17 Chad Price (Fr.)
FS	29 Ray Morris Barnes (Jr.)	30 Stephen Wood (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	12 Brennan Landry (So.)
P	85 Jared Scruggs (Fr.)
KR	23 Clint Hatfield (Jr.)
PR	6 Dustin Haynes (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Kyle Herm, 42-86-685-3, 4 TDs
Rushing:	Robbie Beck, 120 car., 601 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving:	Marcus Battle, 26 rec., 430 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles:	Jeff Vanover, 92, 59 solo
Sacks:	Jeff Vanover, 4
Interceptions:	Clifford Sparks, 1 for 15 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

5 Rice coach Ken Hatfield ranks fifth on the active all-time Division I-A career wins list with 159. He trails Penn State's Joe Paterno, Florida State's Bobby Bowden, South Carolina's Lou Holtz and Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Houston	*
S. 13 at Duke	L
S. 20 Texas	L
S. 27 at Hawaii	L
O. 4 San Jose State	L
O. 18 Navy	*
O. 25 at Fresno State	L
N. 1 Nevada	*
N. 8 Tulsa	*
N. 15 at SMU	*
N. 22 UTEP	*
N. 29 at Louisiana Tech	*

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Houston	L	10-24
S. 7 at Michigan St.	L	10-27
S. 21 at Nevada	L	21-31
S. 28 Fresno State	L	28-31
O. 5 Louisiana Tech	W	37-20
O. 12 at Navy	W	17-10
O. 19 at UTEP	L	35-38
O. 26 SMU	W	27-15
N. 2 at Tulsa	W	33-18
N. 9 at Boise State	L	7-49
N. 16 Hawaii	L	28-33

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	85
Rushing	247.7 ypg	6
Passing	99.2 ypg	114
Total	346.9 ypg	88
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.9 ppg	63
Rushing	143.0 ypg	48
Passing	242.1 ypg	94
Total	385.1 ypg	71
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	60

Head Coach: Ken Hatfield

2002 Record (WAC): 4-7 (3-5)

UTEP miners

Offense

You can never have too many quality quarterbacks on your roster, as UTEP head coach Gary Nord found out the hard way in 2002.

Due to a rash of injuries, the Miners had to finish the season with a fourth-string walk-on, Omar Duarte, calling the signals. The El Paso native earned a scholarship for his play, which included an upset of Rice, but he didn't necessarily earn a starting assignment.

Athletic junior Jon Schaper, who started six games in 2002, and highly touted redshirt freshman Jordan Palmer both have recovered from broken collarbones. Another potential starter, strong-armed sophomore Orlando Cruz, is expected to join the competition in the fall after rehabbing a torn ACL.

Despite a nagging ankle injury, speedy running back Howard Jackson gained 844 yards on just 173 carries (4.9 yards per carry).

The big question on offense is how quickly a young, but talented, group of wide receivers can step up and contribute. Sophomore Chris Francies returns at split end, and junior Dirk Dillard and sophomore Aaron Givens both saw extensive action at flanker a year ago.

The offensive line is the only area on the team with any kind of senior leadership. Three senior starters return, including All-WAC candidate Trey Darilek, who has 30 career starts under his belt.

Defense

The Miners should be improved, but after yielding a dreadful 42.6 points per game in 2002 that's not saying much.

Two senior starters return to anchor what Nord believes is an improving and deep line.

42.6 UTEP finished 116th in the nation in scoring defense, allowing a staggering 42.6 points per game.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Arizona	L
S. 6 Cal Poly	W
S. 13 San Diego State	L
S. 20 at Louisville	L
S. 27 Sam Houston	W
O. 4 at SMU	*
O. 11 Louisiana Tech	*
O. 25 at Hawaii	L
N. 1 Tulsa	*
N. 8 San Jose State	L
N. 15 at Boise State	L
N. 22 at Rice	*
N. 29 Fresno State	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Sacramento St.	W	42-12
S. 7 at Kentucky	L	17-77
S. 14 at Oklahoma	L	0-68
S. 21 Hawaii	L	6-31
S. 28 at San Jose St.	L	24-58
O. 5 at N. Mexico St.	L	14-49
O. 19 Rice	W	38-35
O. 26 at Tulsa	L	0-20
N. 2 Boise State	L	3-58
N. 9 at Nevada	L	17-23
N. 16 SMU	L	35-42
N. 23 at La. Tech	L	24-38

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	110
Rushing	154.1 ypg	54
Passing	178.8 ypg	86
Total	332.8 ypg	98
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	42.6 ppg	116
Rushing	194.3 ypg	99
Passing	245.9 ypg	99
Total	440.2 ypg	104
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-19	-1.58	116

Sam Clarke, a three-year starter, has moved from tackle to end to better utilize his athleticism.

Junior Robert Rodriguez, who led the WAC in tackles as a freshman in 2001, and junior Godwin Akinduro are battling for the starting middle linebacker spot. Sophomores Thomas Howard and J.D. Hearn are competing for the weak-side linebacker job.

The secondary lost talented free safety D.J. Walker and cornerback Weldon Cooks. But Nord believes that sophomore Marshall Sanford has even more athletic ability than Walker. Two proven returning starters are junior corner Jahmal Fenner and senior rover Tim Woodard, who had 108 tackles and 4.5 sacks last season.

Specialists

Junior Keith Robinson became the first Miner in 11 years to kick two 50-yard field goals in a season. However, he missed spring practice and spent two months in a Houston hospital after having a tumor removed from his nasal passage and is questionable for the fall.

Junior Bryce Benekos, who ranked second in the WAC with a 40.8 average, returns to punt and could handle some placekicking duties if Robinson is out.

Final Analysis

The Miners have their fair share of talented quarterbacks this season. Now they have to find a way to keep them healthy. A big key will be the play of the offensive line, which returns three veteran starters. At tailback, Jackson needs to avoid the nagging injuries that have slowed him, and a young group of promising wide receivers must make their share of big plays.

Defensively, the Miners can only be better. A more attacking eight-man front should produce more turnovers.

A big year in the return game from Jackson and Fenner could prove to be the difference in close games for the Miners.

WAC Prediction: 9th

National Forecast: #109



Howard Jackson

Charles Small

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	80 Chris Francies (So.)	88 Will Smith (Jr.)
FL	35 Dirk Dillard (Jr.)	23 Aaron Givens (So.)
LT	79 Jose Garcia (So.)	75 Robert Espinosa (Jr.)
LG	64 Ben Graniello (Jr.)	65 Jordan Tubig (So.)
C	52 Chris Kerr (Sr.)	60 Bo Morris (Jr.)
RG	53 Robert Clayton (Sr.)	59 Alex DiMatteo (So.)
RT	77 Trey Darilek (Sr.)	74 Josh House (So.)
TE	83 Jonas Crafts (Jr.)	81 Casey Mauch (Fr.)
QB	8 Jon Schaper (Jr.)	19 Omar Duarte (Jr.)
TB	4 Howard Jackson (Jr.)	20 Matt Austin (So.)
FB	5 Rovann Cleveland (Sr.)	39 Jimmy Smith (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	92 Ibok Ibok (Jr.)	96 Brandon Johnson (So.)
DT	57 Dan Kerr (Sr.)	72 Brian Givens (Jr.)
DT	70 Chris Mineo (So.)	66 Aaron Osborn (Jr.)
DE	55 Sam Clarke (Sr.)	41 Reggie Miles, Jr. (Fr.)
MLB	45 Godwin Akinduro (Jr.)	43 Robert Rodriguez (Jr.)
WLB	40 Thomas Howard (So.)	46 J.D. Hearn (So.)
ROV	11 Tim Woodard (Sr.)	26 Matt Elwood (Jr.)
CB	31 Cedric Click (So.)	1 Nate Draughon (Fr.)
CB	6 Jahmal Fenner (Jr.)	2 Aaron Francis (Fr.)
SS	14 Mark Dowdy (Jr.)	32 Mike Perez (Jr.)
FS	18 Marshall Sanford (So.)	29 David Wardy (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	48 Bryce Benekos (Jr.)
P	48 Bryce Benekos (Jr.)
KR	4 Howard Jackson (Jr.)
PR	6 Jahmal Fenner (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Omar Duarte, 79-161-1,000-4, 6 TDs
Rushing:	Howard Jackson, 173 car., 844 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Francies, 27 rec., 347 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Tim Woodard, 108, 70 solo
Sacks:	Tim Woodard, 4.5
Interceptions:	Jahmal Fenner, 3 for 24 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Gary Nord

2002 Record (WAC): 2-10 (1-7)



UL-Lafayette

ragin' cajuns

Offense

Louisiana-Lafayette was second in the Sun Belt in passing offense last season but second-to-last in total offense. You guessed it: The Ragin' Cajuns were dead last in rushing, averaging less than two yards per carry and a woe-ful 61 yards per game.

Quarterback Eric Rekieta, who started three games and appeared in all 12, missed spring practice after breaking his throwing hand and undergoing elbow surgery. Rekieta had a higher efficiency rating than 2002 starter Jon Van Cleave, so he could be quite an asset if he returns in one piece.

Chester Johnson and Dwight Lindon both have experience and will try to muster up something that resembles a rushing attack. Johnson played in all 12 games as a true freshman and is the more versatile of the two.

Whoever emerges as the starting quarterback could grow up in a hurry thanks to Fred Stamps. Stamps was a first-team all-conference selection last year and has caught at least one pass in all 32 games of his collegiate career.

Up front, starting tackle Demetrios Brooks moves from the right to left side to make room for Corey Glover, who missed last season for personal reasons.

Defense

The defense ranked in the middle of the Sun Belt last year, but a depleted secondary and the loss of two starting tackles will hurt.

Justin and Daniel Taylor could move into the tackle spots. The Cajuns look forward to a healthy Antonio Floyd, who led the squad with 14 tackles for a loss and five sacks, despite numerous nagging injuries.

42 Louisiana-Lafayette averaged a measly 42 yards rushing in its nine defeats last year. The number swelled to 118 in its three victories.

Ross Brupbacher returns at linebacker, having been granted a medical redshirt after going down with an injury in the third game last year. Returning starter Stanley Smith was third on the squad in tackles.

Then secondary will feature four new starters. The only player on the two-deep with experience is rover safety Jamal Smith, the team's top returning tackler. Corners Jerrell Carter and Terryl Fenton will need to step up after serving behind NFL prospects Charles Tillman and Ivan Taylor. An injury sidelined Carter for the final seven games, while Fenton's playing time increased significantly over the final four games. "We're very young and inexperienced," says cornerbacks coach Clay Jennings. "Our numbers are down but the players we have are very talented."

Specialists

There are talented toes on board with kicker Sean Comiskey and punter Grant Autrey. Comiskey converted 9-of-18 field goals last year while Autrey averaged nearly 40 yards per punt. In 2002 the Cajuns blocked seven kicks but only one player with a deflection returns.

Final Analysis

If Louisiana-Lafayette so much as challenges for the Sun Belt Conference title, the Ragin' Cajuns can kiss coach Rickey Bustle goodbye. Because if Bustle can coax this team to a winning season, he will likely be on the wish list of many athletic directors when the coaching carousel begins to spin late this fall.

There is much work to do on the bayou. Only nine starters return from last season's team that finished 3-9 (2-4 Sun Belt) and lost all seven road games. Among other things, Bustle is looking for new starters at quarterback, running back and in the entire secondary.

Throw in an ambitious schedule and any improvement over last year's record can be deemed a success.

Sun Belt Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #110



Ross Brupbacher

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 2	Frederick Stamps (Sr.)	80	Bill Sampy (Jr.)
WR 22	Eric Bartel (Sr.)	18	Kemmie Lewis (Jr.)
LT 67	Corey Glover (So.)		Adrian Limbrick (Jr.)
LG 62	Greg Hodges (Jr.)	79	Chris Perrone (Sr.)
C 69	Ronnie Harvey (Jr.)	78	Mike Moore (So.)
RG 77	Demetrios Brooks (Jr.)	66	Bryan Lloyd (Jr.)
RT 72	Brandon Cox (Fr.)	61	D'Anthony Batiste (Sr.)
TE 87	Josh Joerg (Sr.)	88	Lawrence Johnson (Jr.)
QB 15	Jerry Babb (Fr.)	6	Eric Rekieta (Sr.)
FB 44	Wayne Stein (Sr.)	41	Travis Cones (Jr.)
RB 24	Dwight Lindon (Jr.)	33	Josh Harrison (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE 47	Antonio Floyd (Sr.)	55	Derace James (Sr.)
DT 93	Darryl Blappert (Jr.)		George Benson (Jr.)
DT 63	Daniel Taylor (Sr.)	99	Shawn Williams (Sr.)
DE 40	Eugene Kwarteng (So.)	91	Tony Hills (Fr.)
LB 4	Stanley Smith (So.)	10	Mac Fair (Fr.)
LB 59	Ross Brupbacher (Sr.)	8	Ricky Calais (Sr.)
Whip27	Patrick Lamy (Sr.)	36	Wes Simon (Fr.)
CB 20	Terryl Fenton (So.)		Antwain Spann (Jr.)
CB 34	Jerrell Carter (Jr.)	29	Ricky Thomas (Jr.)
ROV26	Jamal Smith (Sr.)		C.C. Brown (Jr.)
FS 31	David Prater (Jr.)	3	Wendall Williams (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 37	Sean Comiskey (So.)
P 39	Grant Autrey (Sr.)
PR 2	Frederick Stamps (Sr.)
KR 34	Jerrell Carter (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Eric Rekieta, 65-113-652-4, 4 TDs
Rushing:	Dwight Lindon, 19 car., 42 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving:	Frederick Stamps, 54 rec., 1,002 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles:	Jamal Smith, 51, 31 solo
Sacks:	Antonio Floyd, 5
Interceptions:	Jamal Smith, 2 for 8 yds., Stanley Smith, 2 for 44 yds.
(#1) Indicates number of returning starters	
BOLD indicates returning starters	

2003 Schedule

A. 30	at South Carolina	L
S. 6	Louisiana Tech	L
S. 13	Houston	L
S. 20	at Minnesota	L
S. 27	at North Texas	L
O. 4	at Oklahoma State	L
O. 11	UL-Monroe	*
O. 18	New Mexico State	L
O. 25	Idaho	*
N. 1	at Southern Miss	L
N. 8	Fla. International	W
N. 15	at Middle Tenn.	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31	at Texas A&M	L	7-31
S. 7	Minnesota	L	11-35
S. 14	at Houston	L	17-36
S. 21	UAB	W	34-0
O. 5	at LSU	L	0-48
O. 12	at N. Mexico St.	L	28-31
O. 19	at Middle Tenn.	L	35-48
O. 26	North Texas	L	0-27
N. 2	Idaho	W	31-28
N. 9	Arkansas State	W	13-10
N. 16	at Arkansas	L	17-24
N. 23	at UL-Monroe	L	10-34

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.9 ppg	114
Rushing	61.2 ypg	115
Passing	227.8 ypg	52
Total	288.9 ypg	114
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.3 ppg	81
Rushing	182.3 ypg	94
Passing	197.9 ypg	36
Total	380.2 ypg	67
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.67	89

Head Coach: Rickey Bustle

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 3-9 (2-4)

Idaho

vandals

Vandals Offense

Triggerman Brian Lindgren returns for his senior season as the starting quarterback after a campaign of ups and downs. Lindgren didn't have as strong of a 2002 season as coach Tom Cable had anticipated, but the All-Sun Belt Conference pick still managed to throw for 2,763 yards and 19 touchdowns before missing the final two games with a broken collarbone.

Lindgren will miss Josh Jelmsberg, a dependable target who led the Vandals in receptions (64) and TD catches (eight) a year ago. Lindgren still will have two of his top four targets back in Orlando Winston (50 catches, 624 yards) and Jeff Stowe (30, 363). Return specialist Cedric Thompson and some junior college transfers who went through spring drills should give Idaho's offense plenty of pass-catching options.

The biggest concern on offense is finding a replacement for tailback Blair Lewis, a rugged runner with breakaway speed who ran for 930 yards in 10 games last year. The leading candidates are Malfred Shaw, who averaged 5.0 yards per carry on 60 attempts, and Zach Gerstner, who saw action in all 12 games a year ago. Cable is counting on junior college transfer Kevin McKenzie, who joins the program in the fall.

Three starters on the offensive line and two experienced tight ends should give the backs room to run and Lindgren time to throw.

Moving the ball (404.6 yards per game) and scoring points (23.8 per game) is rarely a problem for Idaho. The key this season will be to limit turnovers. Last season, Idaho gave up the ball 28 times on fumbles and interceptions.

Defense

Depth, experience and the second year in coordinator Ed Lamb's system are reasons to

15 Behind quarterback Brian Lindgren, the Vandals ranked 15th in the nation in passing offense in 2002.

believe that the unit that gave up more than 35 points and 460 yards per game will improve.

One key will be for the Vandals to force more turnovers. Last season, they forced only nine fumbles (recovering six) and picked off just eight passes.

The linebacking corps is solid with top tacklers Patrick Libey (69 tackles), Mike Anderson (51) and Chad Kodama (48) all returning. Experienced safeties Robert Ortega and Darryl Murphy return, as does cornerback Rod Bryant, who had a team-high two interceptions last season.

The defensive line has three proven returners in Kelly Talavou, Brian Howard and Brandon Kania. Junior college transfers Eric and Ernest Davis, whose older brother Chris Mims is a former Tennessee and San Diego Charger standout, give the line depth and athleticism.

Specialists

Cedric Thompson is a fearless returner who was second-team all-conference a year ago. He is a weapon every time he touches the ball. The battle for the placekicking duties between Brian Pope, Sam Parry and Mike Barrow probably won't be decided until the fall. Punter Ryan Downes (41.8 yards per punt in '02) was on the watch list for the Ray Guy Award last season.

Final Analysis

It's now or never for Cable. The former Vandal star is in the final year of his contract and wasn't offered an extension after his third consecutive losing season in Moscow. His last two teams have finished 1-10 and 2-10. Cable, the optimist, has said he believes his current team has what it takes to win a conference championship. In a Sun Belt Conference where talent and depth are close among all eight teams, he may have a point.

Cable also has to worry about a brutal non-conference schedule that features Washington, Washington State and Boise State.

Sun Belt Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #111



Matt Martinez

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR 14 Orlando Winston (Sr.)	84 Bobby Bernal-Wood (Jr.)
WR 12 Jeff Stowe (So.)	2 Cedric Thompson (Sr.)
WT 74 Jake Scott (Sr.)	75 Jake Leachman (So.)
WG 70 Jason Cobb (Sr.)	67 Tony Kiel (Jr.)
C 62 Matt Martinez (Sr.)	63 Jarrod Schulte (So.)
SG 65 Kyle Stewart (Sr.)	50 Jade Tadvick (Fr.)
ST 73 Hank Therien (Fr.)	59 Matt Newell (Fr.)
TE 93 Kelly Nead (Sr.)	85 Michael McCoy (Sr.)
QB 11 Brian Lindgren (Sr.)	7 Michael Harrington (So.)
FB 36 Brian Yarno (Jr.)	39 Willie Sipolola (Jr.)
TB 31 Malfred Shaw (Sr.)	20 Zach Gerstner (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 86 Brandon Kania (Jr.)	58 Ernest Davis (Jr.)
DT 3 Brian Howard (Sr.)	5 Jason Jones (Sr.)
DT 91 Kelly Talavou (So.)	66 Michael Togafau (Jr.)
DE 6 Mike Bonelli (So.)	55 Eric Davis (Jr.)
LB 13 Mike Anderson (So.)	54 Jaron Williams (Fr.)
LB 40 Patrick Libey (Sr.)	95 Kody Kraus (Sr.)
LB 35 Chad Kodama (Sr.)	28 Robert Davis (Fr.)
CB 18 Brandon Mascorro (Fr.)	8 J.R. Ruffin (Jr.)
CB 7 Rod Bryant (Sr.)	2 Ben Allen (Jr.)
S 11 Robert Ortega (Sr.)	22 Simeon Stewart (Jr.)
S 23 Darryl Murphy (Sr.)	27 Nate Nichols (So.)

Special Teams

K 15 Brian Pope (Sr.)
P 17 Ryan Downes (Sr.)
KR 2 Cedric Thompson (Sr.)
PR 2 Cedric Thompson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Brian Lindgren, 240-382-2,763-10, 19 TDs
Rushing:	Malfred Shaw, 60 car., 301 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Orlando Winston, 50 rec., 624 yds., 1 TD
Tackles:	Patrick Libey, 69, 32 solo
Sacks:	Brian Howard, 5
Interceptions:	Rod Bryant, 2 for 13 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Washi. State	L
S. 6 Eastern Wash.	W
S. 13 Boise State	L
S. 20 at Washington	L
S. 27 at Montana	*
O. 4 at New Mexico St.	L
O. 11 North Texas	L
O. 18 Middle Tenn.	L
O. 25 at UL-Lafayette	*
N. 8 at Arkansas State	L
N. 15 at UL-Monroe	*
N. 22 Utah State	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Boise State	L 21-38
S. 7 at Wash. State	L 14-49
S. 14 at Oregon	L 21-58
S. 21 San Diego State	W 48-38
S. 28 at Washington	L 27-41
O. 5 Montana	L 31-38
O. 12 at UL-Monroe	L 14-34
O. 26 Middle Tenn.	W 21-18
N. 2 at UL-Lafayette	L 28-31
N. 9 at North Texas	L 0-10
N. 16 Arkansas State	L 29-38
N. 23 New Mexico St.	L 31-35

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.8 ppg	83
Rushing	115.0 ypg	97
Passing	289.6 ypg	15
Total	404.6 ypg	27
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.7 ppg	105
Rushing	190.2 ypg	96
Passing	274.4 ypg	111
Total	464.6 ypg	110
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-14	-1.17	105

Head Coach: Tom Cable

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 2-10 (1-5)

Utah State

aggies

Offense

There is more than one pair of big shoes to fill on this side of the ball. Utah State lost its top quarterback, receiver and running back from a unit that ranked seventh nationally in passing and 38th in total offense last year. Plus two three-years starters on the offensive line are gone.

The biggest concern has to be at quarterback. Junior Travis Cox has seen action in nine games during his Aggie career, but mostly when the outcome was already decided. He passed for 11 yards in 2002.

"It is going to be critical for us to make sure our quarterback situation is healthy and solid," USU head coach Mick Dennehy says. Cox is on top of the depth chart after a solid spring but will be challenged by redshirt freshman Bryan Black and former junior transfer Matt Crivello. Whoever wins the job will have tight end/fullback Chris Cooley (31 receptions, 502 yards, four touchdowns) and wide receiver Chris Stallworth (17 catches, 231 yards, three touchdowns) to pass to.

Five offensive linemen have starts under their belts. Running backs Richard Watson and David Fiefia have also been starters.

"We have good players that we have to replace, but we've got good players to replace them with," Cox says. "It is just a matter of getting enough time playing together before the season starts."

Defense

The Aggies ranked near the bottom of Division I-A in rushing defense and total defense a year ago. A new defensive coordinator has been hired, and USU has switched from a 4-3

defense to a 3-4 alignment. The spring was spent learning assignments.

The Aggies lost their leading tackler from last year but welcome back seven starters. Former starter Nate Putnam returns after missing the 2002 season with a shoulder injury. He earned All-Big West honors in 2000 as a defensive end, but he will play linebacker in the Aggies' new scheme.

Junior linebacker Robert Watts, who finished second on the team in tackles a year ago with 85, is pleased with the new defense. "I love it. I just get to run and tackle people," he says.

Defensive lineman John Chick started all 11 games as a true freshman and led the team in sacks with four. Tackle Michael Gates emerged as a playmaker in the spring. The Aggie secondary, which has eight players back with experience, has struggled at times. Cornerback Mark Estelle broke up 13 passes last year.

Specialists

USU must replace its two-year placekicker and four-year starter at punter. Sophomore Ben Chaet and freshman Justin Hamblin will share the kicking duties.

Dennis ranked seventh nationally in kickoff returns with a 27.7 average, while Fiefia averaged 9.1 yards on punt returns.

Final Analysis

After back-to-back 4-7 seasons as an independent, the best news last fall came when the Sun Belt Conference invited the Aggies to join the league beginning in 2003. Dennehy, who is preparing for his fourth season at USU, noticed a new enthusiasm with his team during spring practices. While there is excitement about joining the Sun Belt, the fact is the offense has a number of question marks, and the schedule is not kind at the beginning with three tough road games. The defense should be much improved in 2003, which could keep USU competitive in its first tour through the Sun Belt.

Sun Belt Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #112



Chris Cooley

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	3 Barry Tolfi (Jr.)	80 Jason Thomas (So.)
WR	15 Chris Stallworth (Sr.)	5 Raymond Hicks (Jr.)
LT	72 Donald Penn (So.)	65 Brenen Burningham (Jr.)
LG	77 Greg Vandermade (Sr.)	60 Ryan Gunstream (So.)
C	59 Aric Galliano (Sr.)	52 David Rawlins (So.)
RG	63 Trevor Hutton (Sr.)	67 Malik Cin (So.) RS
RT	76 Elliott Tupea (Jr.)	74 Grant Calverley (Sr.)
TE	86 Patrick McNutt (So.)	48 Nick King (Sr.)
QB	14 Travis Cox (Jr.)	16 Bryan Black (Fr.)
FB	89 Chris Cooley (Sr.)	47 Trent Nate (Jr.)
TB	33 Richard Watson (So.)	39 David Fiefia (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DT	41 Justin Jackson (Sr.)	99 Jeremy Guenter (So.)
NG	92 Ronald Tupea (Jr.)	75 Ryan DeQuillettes (So.)
DT	37 John Chick (So.)	90 Michael Gates (So.)
LB	91 Nate Putnam (Jr.)	97 Kelly Poppinga (Fr.)
LB	49 Rodney Wilson (Sr.)	46 Jared Johnston (So.)
LB	30 Robert Watts (Jr.)	51 Matt Wiser (So.)
LB	53 Nate Fredrick (So.)	57 Jake Stewart (So.)
CB	20 Jerome Dennis (Jr.)	6 Marvin Clark (Jr.)
CB	2 Mark Estelle (Sr.)	23 Reggie Willson (So.)
SS	25 Derrek Shank (Sr.)	22 Bryan Jackson (Sr.)
FS	21 Mike Rosencrans (Sr.)	36 Ross Luna (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	38 Ben Chaet (So.)
P	38 Ben Chaet (So.)
KR	20 Jerome Dennis (Jr.)
PR	39 David Fiefia (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Travis Cox, 5-9-11-0, 0 TDs
Rushing:	Richard Watson, 75 car., 260 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving:	Chris Cooley, 31 rec., 502 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Robert Watts, 85, 48 solo
Sacks:	John Chick, 4
Interceptions:	4 players with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

23 Utah State's pass-happy offense will be directed by first-year starting quarterback Travis Cox, who has thrown for 23 yards in two years.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Utah	L
S. 6 at Nebraska	L
S. 13 at Arizona State	L
S. 27 UL-Monroe	W
O. 4 at New Mexico	L
O. 11 Wyoming	L
O. 18 at North Texas	L
O. 25 Arkansas State	L
N. 1 Middle Tennessee	L
N. 8 at N.M. State	L
N. 15 Troy State	L
N. 22 at Idaho	*

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 Utah	L	3-23
S. 7 at Nebraska	L	13-44
S. 14 Idaho State	W	38-33
S. 21 at Iowa	L	7-48
S. 28 at Boise State	L	38-63
O. 4 BYU	L	34-35
O. 19 New Mexico	W	45-44
O. 26 at UL-Monroe	L	48-51
N. 9 New Mexico St.	W	32-30
N. 16 at Troy State	W	19-16
N. 30 at Middle Tenn.	L	28-45

2002 National Rankings

	Per Game	Rank
Offense	27.7 ppg	56
Scoring	84.5 ypg	112
Rushing	308.0 ypg	7
Passing	392.5 ypg	38
Total		
	Per Game	Rank
Defense	39.3 ppg	111
Scoring	234.8 ypg	112
Rushing	236.3 ypg	87
Passing	471.1 ypg	111
Total		
	Per Game	Rank
TO Margin	-1.00	97

2002 Record (4-7)

Head Coach: Mick Dennehy

Ball State

cardinals

Offense

Ball State's offense, which returns just four starters, has numerous issues heading into the 2003 season. The biggest concern for first-year coach Brady Hoke will be finding a replacement for the school's all-time leading rusher, Marcus Merriweather, who gained 4,002 yards in his brilliant career.

"We've got to find a guy that we can count on to replace Marcus," Hoke says. "That position is vital to our success and what we want to do offensively." Scott Blair and Charles Wynn are the main candidates, but they only accounted for a combined 256 yards rushing last season.

Andy Roesch started the final seven games at quarterback and threw 15 touchdowns. The fifth-year senior took over for Talmadge Hill, who had started the previous 23 games. Roesch has to be considered the favorite, but Hoke says the quarterback race is wide open.

The quarterback, whether it's Roesch or Hill, will be throwing to a talented group of wide receivers. Dante Ridgeway didn't start a single game last year but led the Cardinals with 44 receptions and 556 receiving yards.

The offensive line finally came together late in the season, but only two starters return — tackle Travis Barclay and guard Jeff Ramsey.

Defense

Ball State returns seven starters from a unit that struggled through much of the 2002 season. The Cardinals were 11th in the league in total defense (405.3 ypg) and allowed 30 or more points six times. Hoke will play a 4-3 defense but will be flexible to adjust to the MAC's high-powered offensive teams.

The defensive line is solid with the return of

tackles Greg Pagnard and Conrad Slaughter and end Blair Kramer. The linebackers should be deep and will be counted on to produce in the new scheme. Weak-side backer Lorenzo Scott has led the Cardinals in tackles for three straight seasons. The secondary is capable of improving with a host of talented players. That's a must for a group that intercepted just 10 passes last fall. Cornerback Jesse Avant and safety Justin Beriault, who played Hawk in the Cardinals' former alignment, are the top returnees.

Specialists

The Cardinals are in good shape in the kicking game. Punter Reggie Hodges averaged 40.3 yards per kick last season. Placekicker Mike Langford hit 9-of-13 field goals, including 5-of-7 from 40-49 yards, but he will have to battle fellow senior Phil Cunningham for the job.

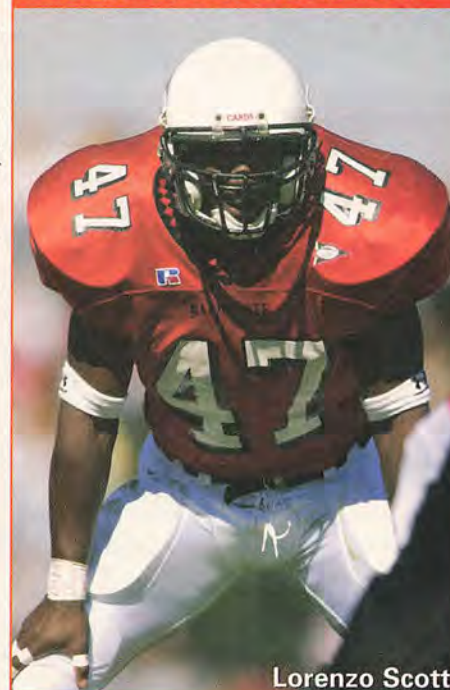
Final Analysis

Hoke returns to his alma mater to replace Bill Lynch, who compiled a 37-53 mark in eight years. Hoke boasts an impressive résumé that includes eight seasons as an assistant at Michigan under Lloyd Carr. Hoke was elevated to associate head coach prior to the 2002 season and helped guide the Wolverines to a Top 10 finish in the final Associated Press poll.

The cupboard isn't bare for Hoke, a former captain and four-time letterman for the Cardinals. Ball State returns 11 starters from a 6-6 squad that won four of its last six games. The schedule, however, might make things a bit difficult; the Cardinals have dates with Missouri, Pittsburgh and Boston College on their non-conference slate.

"My goal is every game to put a team on the field that will play with toughness and great effort," Hoke says. "If you want to win championships, you have to play great defense. That's where we need to make drastic improvement."

MAC West Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #113



Lorenzo Scott

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR 87 Ryan Hahaj (So.)	86 Dante Ridgeway (So.)
WR 19 Larry Bostic (So.)	81 Derek Broussard (Fr.)
LT 69 Joel Hofmann (Sr.)	75 Ty Knisley (Jr.)
LG 71 Jeff Ramsey (Jr.)	68 Adam Rothstein (So.)
C 70 Nick Tabacca (Jr.)	73 Patrick Neils (So.)
RG 67 Mike Brown (Fr.)	60 Jerome Tilton (Jr.)
RT 62 Travis Barclay (Sr.)	76 Justin Schneider (Fr.)
TE 82 Mark Franklin (Jr.)	98 Bryan Smith (So.)
QB 12 Andy Roesch (Sr.)	15 Talmadge Hill (Sr.)
FB 45 Brad Salyer (Fr.)	36 Jason Sieman (Fr.)
TB 32 Scott Blair (Jr.)	24 Charles Wynn (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 97 Riley Larimore (Fr.)	58 Vincent Davis (Fr.)
DT 55 Greg Pagnard (Sr.)	99 Nick Graymire (So.)
DT 65 Conrad Slaughter (Jr.)	96 Justin Schweighardt (So.)
DE 45 Paul Strabavy (Sr.)	57 Blair Kramer (So.)
LB 56 Justin Riley (Sr.)	51 Anthony Corpuz (Fr.)
LB 23 Donta Smith (So.)	39 Andy Stark (So.)
LB 47 Lorenzo Scott (Sr.)	20 Greg Engel (Fr.)
CB 1 Jesse Avant (Sr.)	34 Cory Crumpton (Sr.)
CB 11 Quentin Manley (Sr.)	21 Tommy Schembra (Jr.)
FS 16 Douglas Owusu (Sr.)	25 David Gater (So.)
SS 31 Justin Beriault (Jr.)	49 Erik Keys (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 10 Phil Cunningham (Sr.)
P 30 Reggie Hodges (Sr.)
KR 19 Larry Bostic (So.)
PR 87 Ryan Hahaj (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Andy Roesch, 113-202-1,341-7, 15 TDs
Rushing:	Scott Blair, 63 car., 180 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Dante Ridgeway, 44 rec., 556 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles:	Lorenzo Scott, 124, 49 solo
Sacks:	Justin Riley, 3
Interceptions:	Douglas Owusu, 3 for 48 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2 The Cardinals' offensive line only allowed two sacks in the final four games of the 2002 season.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Indiana State	W
S. 6 Missouri	L
S. 13 at Pittsburgh	L
S. 20 C. Michigan	W
S. 27 at Boston College	L
O. 4 at Kent State	*
O. 18 Miami (OH)	L
O. 25 Toledo	L
N. 1 at N. Illinois	L
N. 8 at W. Michigan	L
N. 15 at E. Michigan	*
N. 22 Bowling Green	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

S. 7 at Missouri	L 6-41
S. 14 Indiana State	W 23-21
S. 21 at Clemson	L 7-30
S. 28 at Connecticut	W 24-21
O. 5 Northern Illinois	L 29-41
O. 12 at Toledo	L 17-37
O. 19 E. Michigan	W 42-17
O. 26 at Bowling Green	L 20-38
N. 2 W. Michigan	W 17-7
N. 16 at C. Michigan	W 38-21
N. 23 Buffalo	W 41-21
N. 30 at Marshall	L 14-38

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.2 ppg	84
Rushing	162.9 ypg	49
Passing	178.7 ypg	87
Total	341.6 ypg	90
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	72
Rushing	169.1 ypg	80
Passing	236.2 ypg	86
Total	405.3 ypg	89
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	76

Head Coach: Brady Hoke

2002 Record (MAC): 6-6 (4-4)

Tulsa

golden hurricane

Offense

First-year head coach Steve Kragthorpe was instrumental in the resurgence of Drew Bledsoe's career while serving as the quarterbacks coach for the Buffalo Bills last season. Now, the former Texas A&M offensive coordinator and veteran college assistant will try to work his magic on a Tulsa offense that struggled to get on track in 2002.

One of Kragthorpe's first hires at Tulsa was offensive coordinator Charlie Stubbs, the 1999 SEC Offensive Coordinator of the Year at Alabama. Together, they used the spring to install a versatile attack. "We want to be wide-open and multi-dimensional," says Kragthorpe. "I think the way to attack defenses right now is to spread them out, using the pass to set up the run."

While Kragthorpe doesn't plan to name starters at any position until late August, he was able to evaluate key players like quarterback Tyler Gooch, running back Eric Richardson and receivers Romby Bryant and Montiese Culton during spring drills.

Gooch has started 17 games over the past two seasons and provides leadership and mobility. He passed for 17 touchdowns last season, the most by a Tulsa player since Gus Frerotte tossed 21 in 1993.

Richardson is approaching the 2,000-yard rushing mark entering his senior campaign, while Bryant and Culton combined to make 84 receptions for 1,008 yards and 11 scores a year ago.

The offensive line allowed 35 sacks last year and lost its best player in center Anthony Taylor.

Defense

The secondary returns most of its key players and held its own in the pass-happy WAC

14 The Golden Hurricane have lost 14 consecutive road games, going winless away from home each of the last two seasons.

2003 Schedule			2002 Results			2002 National Rankings		
A. 30	at Minnesota	L	A. 30	Oklahoma	L 0-37	Offense	Per Game	Rank
S. 6	at Arkansas	L	S. 7	at Arkansas St.	L 19-21	Scoring	19.4 ppg	101
S. 13	SW Texas State	W	S. 14	at La. Tech	L 9-53	Rushing	123.3 ypg	86
S. 20	Arkansas State	L	S. 21	at Baylor	L 25-37	Passing	193.4 ypg	74
O. 4	Hawaii	L	S. 28	Kansas	L 33-43	Total	316.8 ypg	105
O. 11	at Boise State	L	O. 12	Boise State	L 24-52	Defense	Per Game	Rank
O. 18	Nevada	L	O. 20	at Hawaii	L 14-37	Scoring	34.8 ppg	101
O. 25	SMU	*	O. 26	UTEP	W 20-0	Rushing	256.3 ypg	114
N. 1	at UTEP	*	N. 2	Rice	L 18-33	Passing	202.4 ypg	44
N. 8	at Rice	*	N. 9	at Fresno State	L 12-31	Total	458.7 ypg	109
N. 15	Louisiana Tech	L	N. 16	San Jose State	L 38-49	TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
N. 22	at San Jose State	L	N. 23	at SMU	L 21-24	+6	+0.50	35

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Steve Kragthorpe

2002 Record (WAC): 1-11 (1-7)

last season. However, opponents didn't have to pass to beat the Golden Hurricane, as the team's run defense was one of the worst in the nation.

Kragthorpe lured defensive coordinator Todd Graham away from West Virginia in an attempt to plug the gaping holes in the line. He has installed the 3-3 stack defense that the Mountaineers used to finish 30th nationally against the run last season.

By switching to the rare defensive scheme, the Golden Hurricane will try to limit what opposing offenses can do by utilizing an attacking approach that "fits us and fits our personnel," according to Kragthorpe.

Jorma Bailey will likely be the leader of the attack, as the former running back totaled 71 tackles from his linebacker position last fall.

Specialists

Both primary specialists return to the fold and should progress after a year of experience. Punter Cort Moffitt averaged 40.2 yards per attempt after transferring from New Mexico. Placekicker Brad DeVault was steady inside 40 yards (6-of-8) and hopes to improve his accuracy on extra points (11-of-17 last season).

Final Analysis

Tulsa has lost 21 of its last 22 games and hasn't had a winning season since going 10-2 and winning the Freedom Bowl in 1991. However, there is reason for optimism as the Steve Kragthorpe era begins. The arrival of the offensive-minded head coach should bring the excitement (and fans) back to Skelly Stadium, if he can convince his players that the recent turmoil they've experienced is a thing of the past.

The Golden Hurricane have some talent at the skill positions, however it will be crucial to stay healthy because of a serious lack of depth. Kragthorpe hopes his recruiting class can be a partial solution to that problem, but the defense must improve dramatically for Tulsa to improve in the win column.

WAC Prediction: 10th

National Forecast: #114



Tyler Gooch

Courtland Richards

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 82 Romby Bryant (Sr.)	85 Sean Yoder (So.)
WR 84 Montiese Culton (Jr.)	13 Jermaine Landrum (Jr.)
LT 59 Austin Chadwick (Sr.)	65 Dustin Kline (So.)
LG 61 Jesse Stoneham (So.)	72 Victor Mercado (So.)
C 63 Derek Warehime (Jr.)	54 Aaron Danenhauer (Fr.)
RG 71 Matt Black (Sr.)	66 Ashcon Madjid (Sr.)
RT 78 Jeff Perrett (Fr.)	76 Tony Guined (Jr.)
TE 16 Caleb Blankenship (Jr.)	20 Garrett Mills (So.)
QB 19 Tyler Gooch (Jr.)	15 James Kilian (Jr.)
RB 25 Eric Richardson (Sr.)	23 Uril Parrish (So.)
FB 48 James Clancy (Fr.)	46 Mark Holata (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 90 Jeremy Davis (Sr.)	53 Sammy Umobong (Sr.)
NG 98 Tse Ogisi (Sr.)	97 Brandon Lohr (Jr.)
DE 95 Josh Walker (Jr.)	91 Lui Saafi (Fr.)
OLB 32 Jorma Bailey (Sr.)	6 Jason Wiltshire (Sr.)
MLB 57 Brendon Swisher (Jr.)	51 Robert Latu (Fr.)
OLB 44 Josh DuPree (Jr.)	42 Leroy White (Fr.)
CB 2 Sherman Steptoe (Sr.)	12 C.J. Scott (Sr.)
CB 7 Jermaine Hope (Jr.)	21 Darrell Wimberly (Sr.)
Spur 3 Kedrick Alexander (So.)	18 Clint Rountree (Jr.)
BAN 47 Max Kraus (Sr.)	35 Jarred Brejcha (Fr.)
FS 24 Jeff Thibodeaux (Jr.)	3 Kedrick Alexander (So.)

Special Teams

K 29 Brad DeVault (So.)
P 49 Cort Moffitt (Sr.)
KR 2 Sherman Steptoe (Sr.)
PR 13 Jermaine Landrum (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Tyler Gooch, 190-348-2, 100-8, 17 TDs
Rushing:	Eric Richardson, 182 car., 957 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving:	Romby Bryant, 49 rec., 593 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Jorma Bailey, 71, 46 solo
Sacks:	Josh Walker, 2
Interceptions:	Jeff Thibodeaux, 3 for 28 yds., Darrell Wimberly, 3 for 28 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Eastern Michigan

eagles

Offense

Eastern Michigan returns eight starters from a unit that averaged a respectable 23.8 points per game, but the Eagles will have a difficult time replacing the three starters who are not coming back. EMU graduated its quarterback (Troy Edwards), a 1,000-yard rusher (Ime Akpan), and a 1,000-yard receiver (Kevin Walter). Jeff Crooks, who started one game and played in three others in 2002, is the heir apparent at quarterback, but he will be pressed by Chinedu Okoro.

Akpan is gone, but for the first time in Woodruff's tenure, there is quality depth at running back. This unit may lack star power, but the collective efforts of Ashanti Watson, Nelson Drew, Anthony Sherrell and Kaliym Hazel should better last year's 113.8-yard average. They will be playing behind an offensive line that Woodruff says "is the strongest unit on the team." Tackle Tom Kaleita is the best player on a veteran offensive line and has all-conference potential.

Chris Roberson is the team's most explosive receiver, and Chris Talley averaged 14.8 yards per catch in 2002. The tight end/H-back position is solid with Kevin Zureki and Wes Kesner.

Defense

Respected defensive coordinator Tim Rose, formerly of East Carolina, was brought in to repair a defense that was the worst in college football last fall. The Eagles gave up 519.9 yards and 47.2 points per game.

"Everywhere Tim Rose has gone he has been able to turn around the defense dramatically," Woodruff says.

Rose does have some talent to work with.

117 The Eagles ranked 117th in the nation (out of 117 teams) in total defense, scoring defense and turnover margin in 2002.

Middle linebacker David Lusky is a big-time player who finished second last year in the MAC with just under 12 tackles per game. Lusky has plenty of talented colleagues, most notably Keyvon Barbee, Jon Wester, Mike Salvatori and Kevin Harrison.

The Eagles have greater depth — and more physical strength — along the defensive line. And they'll need both if they hope to improve on last year's MAC-worst 294.1 yards rushing allowed per game.

Free safety Jerry Gaines is the best defensive back in a unit that has speed but lacks size.

Specialists

David Rysko, a second-team all-conference pick, led the conference in punting last year with a 41.6-yard average. Brian Klaban is vying for the placekicking spot his brother Eric occupied last year. Talented true freshman Andrew Wellock will be pressing him.

Final Analysis

Despite some obvious shortcomings — most notably a defense that surrendered a MAC-record 566 points last season — Woodruff is confident his program had made the necessary strides to escape the Western Division cellar. He points to three key factors: improved team strength — 20 EMU players can bench press over 400 pounds, 20 more than when Woodruff took over four years ago; increased team speed — 23 players run the 40 in 4.5 or better; and more experience — the 2003 roster features 35 upperclassmen, more than any time in recent memory.

"A lot of people will be picking us last this year," says the Eagles' fourth-year head coach. "A lot of people will be wrong."

Eastern Michigan must take advantage of a favorable schedule that features two Division I-AA foes in the first two weeks of the season and seven home games for the first time in school history.

MAC West Prediction: 7th

National Forecast: #115



Chris Roberson

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR 13 Alonzo Harris (Jr.)	80 Marc Mathieu (Jr.)
WR 5 Chris Talley (Jr.)	13 Alonzo Harris (Jr.)
WR 6 Chris Roberson (Jr.)	7 LaGarian Houston (So.)
LT 75 Tom Kaleita (Jr.)	77 R.J. Seehase (Fr.)
LG 62 Michael Romeli (So.)	65 Steven Godbold (Jr.)
C 79 Lloyd Wilson (Sr.)	72 Jeff Schrad (Fr.)
RG 61 Gemayel Cowser (So.)	74 Scott Golem (Jr.)
RT 59 Dan Davis (Jr.)	66 Mario Tucker (Jr.)
TE 82 Kevin Zureki (Sr.)	85 Wes Kesner (So.)
QB 8 Jeff Crooks (Sr.)	10 Chinedu Okoro (Jr.)
TB 13 Ashanti Watson (Sr.)	25 Nelson Drew (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 95 Matt Kudu (Jr.)	90 Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo (So.)
NG 56 Jason Robert (So.)	57 Brian Jenkins (Sr.)
DE 92 Matt Lisek (So.)	97 Eric Pettway (Jr.)
OLB 18 Kevin Harrison (Jr.)	45 Steven Bednarik (So.)
MLB54 David Lusky (Sr.)	43 Mark Zambrano (Fr.)
OLB 21 Keyvon Barbee (Jr.)	9 Jon Wester (So.)
CB 33 Steven Lewis (So.)	2 Yves Dieudonne (So.)
CB 8 Michael Woods (Jr.)	20 Geoff Pope (Fr.)
CAT 36 Rontrell Woodruff (Jr.)	14 Jereme Perry (Jr.)
BAN11 Jamie Manor (Sr.)	35 Nate Brooks (Jr.)
FS 32 Jerry Gaines (Jr.)	24 Corey Parker (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 29 Brian Klaban (So.)
P 28 David Rysko (Sr.)
KR 7 LaGarian Houston (So.)
PR 6 Chris R. Roberson (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jeff Crooks, 15-29-185-3, 1 TD
 Rushing: Ashanti Watson, 46 car., 123 yds., 0 TDs
 Receiving: Chris Roberson, 40 rec., 379 yds., 7 TDs
 Tackles: David Lusky, 141, 57 solo
 Sacks: Matt Kudu, 3
 Interceptions: Jerry Gaines, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 28 East Tenn. State	W
S. 4 Western Illinois	W
S. 13 at Akron	L
S. 20 at Navy	L
S. 27 Maryland	L
O. 4 Western Michigan	L
O. 11 at Toledo	L
O. 18 Bowling Green	*
N. 1 at Central Michigan	*
N. 8 UCF	L
N. 15 Ball State	*
N. 22 at Northern Illinois	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 31 at Michigan St.	L	7-56
S. 7 Toledo	L	13-65
S. 14 SE Missouri St.	W	35-32
S. 21 at Maryland	L	3-45
S. 28 So. Illinois	W	48-45
O. 5 Akron	W	42-34
O. 12 at Ohio	L	27-55
O. 19 at Ball State	L	17-42
N. 2 C. Michigan	L	21-47
N. 9 at W. Michigan	L	31-33
N. 16 Northern Illinois	L	21-49
N. 23 at Bowling Green	L	21-63

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.8 ppg	81
Rushing	113.8 ypg	98
Passing	246.8 ypg	38
Total	360.6 ypg	74
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	47.2 ppg	117
Rushing	294.1 ypg	116
Passing	225.8 ypg	70
Total	519.9 ypg	117
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-23	-1.92	117

Head Coach: Jeff Woodruff

2002 Record (MAC): 3-9 (1-7)

Buffalo bulls

Offense

Undoubtedly, there is much room for improvement. Buffalo finished the year 116th out of 117 Division I-A teams in total offense, and only five teams averaged fewer points than the Bulls' 17.8 per contest.

First-year offensive coordinator Rob Best, who comes over from Division I-AA power Appalachian State, does have some experience to work with. Quarterback Randall Secky is a returning starter but could be pressed by sophomores P.J. Piskorik and Mike Radon. Piskorik returns after missing all of last season to concentrate on academics.

Even Aaron Leeper's job isn't safe. The sophomore tailback took home Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year honors last season but will be pushed by sophomore Dave Dawson, the Bulls' second-leading rusher, and redshirt freshmen Chris McDuffie, Steven King and Jared Patterson. Coach Jim Hofher says he won't hesitate to play them all in the season opener.

The news isn't so good at receiver, where the Bulls lost Andre Forde and tight end Chad Bartoszek, who were responsible for 99 receptions and 1,098 yards.

The strength of the Bulls' offense this year will be an offensive line that returns everyone from 2002. Senior tackle Jeff Mills and junior guard Erik Zeppuhar have started the last 23 games, while junior Eric Weber started 11 games in 2001 before a knee injury sidelined him for all of last season.

Defense

Buffalo ranked 103rd in total defense in 2002 and allowed 34 points or more eight times. During one benevolent five-game stretch

4 The Bulls have won just four games against Mid-American Conference competition since joining the league in 1999.

the Bulls were outscored 221-87. They do return 10 starters, but there are major questions at cornerback. Sophomore Gemara Williams, who started six games at strong safety last season, moved back to corner in the spring.

The front seven could be greatly improved for one major reason — virtually everybody is back. The Bulls started three freshmen on the line — tackles Rob Schroeder and Bill Meholif and end Phil Jacques — last season, but the anchor is junior end Anthony Andriano, who led the unit in tackles, tackles for a loss and sacks last season.

Specialists

Expect senior Dallas Pelz, who was up and down all last season, and sophomore Mike Baker to compete through fall camp for the placekicking duties. The new punter will be junior college transfer Dominic Milano, who averaged 41.6 yards per kick.

Final Analysis

Buffalo will tackle the most ambitious schedule in school history. The Bulls face the co-Big Ten champion in Iowa, a current Big East member in Rutgers and a future one in Connecticut. They're also playing the top two teams in the MAC's West Division from a year ago in Toledo and Northern Illinois.

This is still a young team, but it's a team that is a year older. Somehow that has to translate into better preparation and better performance.

The running game should be much improved with Leeper and a young group of quality tailbacks, but unless Secky gains some consistency and a playmaking receiver emerges, the offense will struggle once again. Defensively, the front seven returns but there's a lack of depth at linebacker and the answers at cornerback could come from a pair of walk-ons. While another one-win season would be surprising — and place Hofher firmly on the hot seat — this team is still a year away from climbing out of the MAC East cellar.

MAC East Prediction: 7th

National Forecast: #116



Aaron Leeper

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE 85 Matt Kneueven (Jr.)	86 Brian Watson (Fr.)
FL 3 Tim Dance (So.)	83 Gabe McClover (So.)
LT 74 Zack Love (So.)	77 Luke Johnson (Jr.)
LG 75 Alex Alvarez (Sr.)	72 Dan Minocchi (Jr.)
C 65 Eric Weber (Jr.)	64 Kevin Dunn (Sr.)
RG 79 Erik Zeppuhar (Jr.)	59 Mike Schifano (So.)
RT 63 Jeff Mills (Sr.)	76 Terrance Miles (So.)
TE 40 Tom Shaughnessy (Sr.)	80 Chad Upshaw (Fr.)
QB 7 Randall Secky (Jr.)	13 P.J. Piskorik (So.)
TB 21 Aaron Leeper (So.)	22 Dave Dawson (So.)
FB 30 Ramon Guzman (So.)	42 Jared Patterson (Fr.)

Defense (10)

DE 37 Phil Jacques (So.)	49 Aaron Sanders (So.)
DT 62 Rob Schroeder (So.)	70 Casey Russell (Jr.)
DT 96 Rashad Clark (Sr.)	92 Bill Meholif (So.)
DE 52 Demetrius Austrum (Sr.)	56 Anthony Andriano (Jr.)
OLB 46 Bryan Cummings (So.)	34 James Vann (Fr.)
ILB 4 Lamar Wilcher (Sr.)	93 Obadiah Harris (Sr.)
OLB 44 Rodney Morris (Jr.)	55 Chris Clifton (Sr.)
CB 10 Angel Baines (So.)	35 Michael Arroyo (Fr.)
CB 6 Gemara Williams (So.)	32 Delando Bradford (Fr.)
SS 29 J.J. Gibson (Jr.)	25 R. Sherwood-Ericsson (Fr.)
FS 2 Mark Graham (Sr.)	25 R. Sherwood-Ericsson (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 5 Dallas Pelz (Sr.)
P Dominic Milano (Jr.)
KR 3 Tim Dance (So.)
PR 3 Tim Dance (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Randall Secky, 204-421-2,015-13, 12 TDs
Rushing:	Aaron Leeper, 235 car., 917 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving:	Aaron Leeper, 27 rec., 132 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles:	Mark Graham, 89, 65 solo
Sacks:	Rob Schroeder, 4.5
Interceptions:	Mark Graham, 6 for 72 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Rutgers	L
S. 6 at Iowa	L
S. 13 Colgate	*
S. 20 Connecticut	L
S. 27 Akron	L
O. 4 at UCF	L
O. 11 at Miami (OH)	L
O. 18 Marshall	L
O. 25 Ohio	*
N. 1 at Toledo	L
N. 8 Northern Illinois	L
N. 22 at Kent State	L

*Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A. 29 Lehigh	L 26-37
S. 7 at Rutgers	W 34-11
S. 14 Connecticut	L 3-24
S. 21 at Minnesota	L 17-41
S. 28 at Ohio	L 32-34
O. 5 W. Michigan	L 17-31
O. 12 at Marshall	L 21-66
O. 19 Miami (OH)	L 0-49
O. 26 Kent State	L 12-16
N. 9 UCF	L 21-45
N. 16 at Akron	L 10-21
N. 23 at Ball State	L 21-41

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.8 ppg	112
Rushing	98.3 ypg	109
Passing	177.8 ypg	89
Total	276.2 ypg	116
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.7 ppg	100
Rushing	206.8 ypg	105
Passing	227.6 ypg	75
Total	434.4 ypg	103
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.50	35

Head Coach: Jim Hofher

2002 Record (MAC): 1-11 (0-8)

UL-Monroe indians

Offense

Quarterback Steven Jyles and wide receiver Mack Vincent could become one of the more entertaining tandems in the South this season. As a true freshman Jyles appeared in every game — the last nine as a starter — and was at the controls for all three of UL-Monroe's victories. He was second in the Sun Belt in passing yardage and total offense, and he threw 17 touchdowns with only nine interceptions.

Vincent earned first team All-Sun Belt accolades by leading the league with 1,198 receiving yards and 6.6 receptions per game. Vincent, however, is not the only weapon in the arsenal as Drouzon Quillen and Floyd Smith return after catching more than 30 passes apiece.

With four starters returning, the line had the luxury of concentrating on fundamentals and polishing technique this spring. Josh Wade and Bruce Hampton return at the tackle positions. Center Hayden Wadsworth started all 12 games and is regarded as an exceptional talent. Guard Shane Luna is the most improved pass blocker.

The only question mark offensively is in the backfield, where the Indians must find a replacement for 1,000-yard rusher Bryant Jacobs. Krishun Williams is the only candidate with experience.

Defense

The Indians allowed 434.0 yards per game last year, so starting jobs on defense are wide open. On the line there are several respectable pass rushers in ends John Thompson and Maynard Johnny. Corey Conde returns at nose-tackle after leading the team in sacks.

Last year, the Indians thought they would have the Sun Belt's best pair of linebackers in Maurice Sonnier and John Winchester. But

Sonnier, the Sun Belt's preseason Defensive Player of the Year, missed most of the season with a broken ankle, and Winchester missed the first four games with a torn ACL. They never appeared on the field at the same time.

In their absence, LeKeith Robinson, Josh Alexander and L.B. Jeter all logged significant playing time and all three return. Robinson led the team with 11 tackles for a loss.

Five players who started at least one game return to the secondary. Free safety Chris Harris, second-team All-Sun Belt, led the team in tackles and will be a starter for the third consecutive season. A.J. Bocard is one of several talented strong safeties.

"I've just made a few minor adjustments," says new defensive coordinator Bob Trott. "We aren't trying to change what they do, but to adjust it a little bit and make it better."

Specialists

Tyler Kuecker returns at kicker, but he will have to improve on last year's 4-of-10 field goal performance. Kuecker and Nick Bascle will contend for the punting job.

Final Analysis

A one-time I-AA powerhouse, Louisiana-Monroe has enjoyed few victories — moral or otherwise — since joining the I-A fray in 1994 and is 6–28 over the last three years.

The problems start at the top. Head coach Bobby Keasler stepped down after last year's 0–3 start. Interim coach Mike Collins was promoted after the season. Then Collins crashed his car on the eve of the spring game, allegedly while driving under the influence. Exit Collins, enter interim coach Tom Rebowe, who guided the Indians through the month of April only to be replaced by former Navy and Utah State coach Charlie Weatherbie in early May. Weatherbie inherits a team with some big-time talent but not nearly enough to reverse the Indians' losing trend.

Sun Belt Prediction: 8th
National Forecast: #117



Mack Vincent

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 17 Mack Vincent (Sr.)	35 Floyd Smith (Jr.)
WR 87 H.J. Adams (Sr.)	81 Drouzon Quillen (So.)
LT 76 Bruce Hampton (Jr.)	72 Desi Edwards (Fr.)
LG 73 Ben Zapata (Sr.)	70 Kenny Ordeneaux (Sr.)
C 52 Hayden Wadsworth (Jr.)	66 Dorian Beckwith (So.)
RG 78 Shane Luna (Sr.)	60 Don Pitt (Jr.)
RT 74 Josh Wade (Sr.)	51 Robert Aguirre (Sr.)
TE 80 Justin Ebersole (Sr.)	42 Jeremy Hammock (So.)
QB 15 Steven Jyles (So.)	10 Daniel DaPrato (Sr.)
FB 38 Jason Schule (So.)	1 Joey Trappey (So.)
TB 30 Krishun Williams (Fr.)	14 Kevin Payne (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE 94 John Thompson (Sr.)	99 Alnecco Shine (Jr.)
DT 95 Jamond Mason-Taylor (Sr.)	63 Chad James (So.)
DT 90 Corey Conde (Sr.)	93 Dilandos Johnson (Jr.)
DE 92 Maynard Johnny (Jr.)	48 Chris Berymon (Fr.)
LB 45 Maurice Sonnier (Sr.)	33 LeKeith Robinson (Jr.)
LB 12 John Winchester (Jr.)	43 L.B. Jeter (So.)
CB 21 Cash Mouton (Jr.)	24 Chaz Williams (Fr.)
CB 27 Jaron James (Jr.)	4 Vernard Wilkerson (Jr.)
S 47 Damien Richard (Jr.)	19 Shaune Maynard (Jr.)
S 5 Chris Harris (Jr.)	34 Josh Jenkins (So.)
S 22 Travin Moore (Jr.)	2 Jared Frost (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 31 Tyler Kuecker (Sr.)
P 31 Tyler Kuecker (Sr.)
KR 87 H.J. Adams (Sr.)
PR 87 H.J. Adams (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing:	Steven Jyles, 181-368-2,318-9, 17 TDs
Rushing:	Krishun Williams, 39 car., 172 yds., 1 TD
Receiving:	Mack Vincent, 79 rec., 1,198 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles:	Chris Harris, 96, 38 solo
Sacks:	Corey Conde, 4
Interceptions:	6 players with 1 INT

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

23.8 The UL-Monroe offense averaged 23.8 ppg with Steven Jyles starting at quarterback.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at LSU	L
S. 6 Stephen F. Austin	W
S. 13 at Ole Miss	L
S. 20 Northwestern St.	*
S. 27 at Utah State	L
O. 4 #Arkansas State	L
O. 11 at UL-Lafayette	*
O. 25 New Mexico State	L
N. 1 at Auburn	L
N. 8 North Texas	L
N. 15 Idaho	*
N. 22 at Troy State	L
#Little Rock, AR	

* Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2002 Results

A.31 at Ole Miss	L 3-31
S. 7 at Kansas State	L 0-68
S. 14 McNeese State	L 19-24
S. 21 Arkansas State	L 21-33
O. 5 Tulane	L 9-52
O. 12 Idaho	W 34-14
O. 19 at New Mexico St.	L 21-34
O. 26 Utah State	W 51-48
N. 2 at North Texas	L 2-41
N. 9 at Auburn	L 14-52
N. 16 at Middle Tenn.	L 28-44
N.23 UL-Lafayette	W 34-10

2002 National Rankings

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.7 ppg	100
Rushing	121.8 ypg	87
Passing	222.0 ypg	57
Total	343.8 ypg	89
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	37.6 ppg	110
Rushing	195.7 ypg	100
Passing	238.3 ypg	88
Total	434.0 ypg	102
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	83

Head Coach: Charlie Weatherbie

2002 Record (Sun Belt): 3-9 (2-4)

2003 I-A & I-AA College Football Schedules

ACC

CLEMSON (7-6)

Clemson, SC
A. 30 Georgia
S. 6 Furman
S. 13 Middle Tennessee
S. 20 at Georgia Tech
O. 4 at Maryland
O. 11 Virginia
O. 18 at NC State
O. 25 North Carolina
N. 1 at Wake Forest
N. 8 Florida State
N. 15 Duke
N. 22 at South Carolina

DUKE (2-10)

Durham, NC
A. 30 at Virginia
S. 6 Western Carolina
S. 13 Rice
S. 20 Northwestern
S. 27 Florida State
O. 11 at Maryland
O. 18 Wake Forest
O. 25 NC State
N. 1 at Tennessee
N. 8 Georgia Tech
N. 15 at Clemson
N. 22 at North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (9-5)

Tallahassee, FL
A. 30 at North Carolina
S. 6 Maryland
S. 13 Georgia Tech
S. 20 Colorado
S. 27 at Duke
O. 11 Miami
O. 18 at Virginia
O. 25 Wake Forest
N. 1 at Notre Dame
N. 8 at Clemson
N. 15 NC State
N. 29 at Florida

GEORGIA TECH (7-6)

Atlanta, GA
A. 28 at BYU
S. 6 Auburn
S. 13 at Florida State
S. 20 Clemson
S. 27 at Vanderbilt
O. 4 NC State
O. 11 at Wake Forest
O. 18 Maryland
N. 8 at Duke
N. 15 North Carolina
N. 22 at Virginia
N. 29 Georgia

MARYLAND (11-3)

College Park, MD
A. 30 at Northern Illinois
S. 6 at Florida State
S. 13 The Citadel
S. 20 West Virginia
S. 27 at Eastern Michigan
O. 4 Clemson
O. 11 Duke
O. 23 at Georgia Tech
N. 1 North Carolina
N. 13 Virginia
N. 22 at NC State
N. 29 at Wake Forest

NORTH CAROLINA (3-9)

Chapel Hill, NC
A. 30 Florida State
S. 6 Syracuse
S. 20 at Wisconsin
S. 27 at NC State
O. 4 Virginia
O. 11 at East Carolina
O. 18 Arizona State
O. 25 at Clemson
N. 1 at Maryland
N. 8 Wake Forest
N. 15 at Georgia Tech
N. 22 Duke

NC STATE (11-3)

Raleigh, NC
A. 30 Western Carolina
S. 6 at Wake Forest
S. 13 at Ohio State
S. 20 Texas Tech
S. 27 North Carolina
O. 4 at Georgia Tech
O. 11 Connecticut
O. 18 Clemson
O. 25 at Duke
N. 1 Virginia
N. 15 at Florida State
N. 22 Maryland

VIRGINIA (9-5)

Charlottesville, VA
A. 30 Duke
S. 6 at South Carolina
S. 13 at Western Michigan
S. 27 Wake Forest
O. 4 at North Carolina
O. 11 at Clemson
O. 18 Florida State
O. 25 Troy State
N. 1 at NC State
N. 13 at Maryland
N. 22 Georgia Tech
N. 29 Virginia Tech

WAKE FOREST (7-6)

Winston-Salem, NC
A. 30 at Boston College
S. 6 NC State
S. 13 Purdue
S. 20 East Carolina
S. 27 at Virginia
O. 11 Georgia Tech
O. 18 at Duke
O. 25 at Florida State
N. 1 Clemson
N. 8 at North Carolina
N. 15 Connecticut
N. 29 Maryland

BIG EAST

BOSTON COLLEGE (9-4)

Chestnut Hill, MA
A. 30 Wake Forest
S. 6 at Penn State
S. 13 Cincinnati
S. 20 Miami
S. 27 Ball State
O. 11 at Temple
O. 18 at Syracuse
O. 25 Notre Dame
N. 1 Pittsburgh
N. 8 West Virginia
N. 15 at Rutgers
N. 22 at Virginia Tech

MIAMI (12-1)

Coral Gables, FL
A. 30 at Louisiana Tech
S. 6 Florida
S. 13 East Carolina
S. 20 at Boston College
O. 2 West Virginia
O. 11 at Florida State
O. 18 Temple
N. 1 at Virginia Tech
N. 8 Tennessee
N. 15 Syracuse
N. 22 Rutgers
N. 29 at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (9-4)

Pittsburgh, PA
S. 6 Kent State
S. 13 Ball State
S. 20 at Toledo
S. 27 at Texas A&M
O. 11 Notre Dame
O. 18 at Rutgers
O. 25 Syracuse
N. 1 at Boston College
N. 8 Virginia Tech
N. 15 at West Virginia
N. 22 at Temple
N. 29 Miami

RUTGERS (11-11)

New Brunswick, NJ
A. 30 Buffalo
S. 6 at Michigan State
S. 13 at Army
S. 27 Navy
O. 4 Virginia Tech
O. 11 at West Virginia
O. 18 Pittsburgh
O. 25 at Temple
N. 8 at Connecticut
N. 15 Boston College
N. 22 at Miami
N. 29 Syracuse

SYRACUSE (4-8)

Syracuse, NY
S. 6 at North Carolina
S. 13 Louisville
S. 20 UCF
S. 27 Toledo
O. 11 at Virginia Tech
O. 18 Boston College
O. 25 at Pittsburgh
N. 8 Temple
N. 15 at Miami
N. 22 West Virginia
N. 29 at Rutgers
D. 6 Notre Dame

TEMPLE (4-8)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 at Penn State
S. 6 Villanova
S. 20 at Cincinnati
S. 27 at Louisville
O. 4 at Middle Tennessee
O. 11 Boston College
O. 18 at Miami
O. 25 Rutgers
N. 8 at Syracuse
N. 15 Virginia Tech
N. 22 Pittsburgh
N. 29 at West Virginia

VIRGINIA TECH (10-4)

Blacksburg, VA
A. 30 UCF
S. 6 James Madison
S. 18 Texas A&M
S. 27 Connecticut
O. 4 at Rutgers
O. 11 Syracuse
O. 22 at West Virginia
N. 1 Miami
N. 8 at Pittsburgh
N. 15 at Temple
N. 22 Boston College
N. 29 at Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA (9-4)

Morgantown, WV
A. 30 Wisconsin
S. 6 at East Carolina
S. 13 Cincinnati
S. 20 at Maryland
O. 2 at Miami
O. 11 Rutgers
O. 22 Virginia Tech
N. 1 UCF
N. 8 at Boston College
N. 15 Pittsburgh
N. 22 at Syracuse
N. 29 Temple

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS (5-7)

Champaign, IL
A. 30 Missouri
S. 6 Illinois State
S. 13 at UCLA
S. 20 California
S. 27 Wisconsin
O. 4 at Purdue
O. 11 Michigan State
O. 18 at Michigan
O. 25 Minnesota
N. 1 at Iowa
N. 8 at Indiana
N. 22 Northwestern
#St. Louis, MO

INDIANA (3-9)

Bloomington, IN
A. 30 at Connecticut
S. 6 at Washington
S. 13 Indiana State
S. 20 Kentucky
S. 27 at Michigan
O. 4 at Michigan State
O. 11 Northwestern
O. 25 Ohio State
N. 1 Minnesota
N. 8 Illinois
N. 15 at Penn State
N. 22 Purdue

IOWA (11-2)

Iowa City, IA
A. 30 Miami (OH)
S. 6 Buffalo
S. 13 at Iowa State
S. 20 Arizona State
S. 27 at Michigan State
O. 4 Michigan
O. 18 at Ohio State
O. 25 Penn State
N. 1 Illinois
N. 8 at Purdue
N. 15 Minnesota
N. 22 at Wisconsin

MICHIGAN (10-3)

Ann Arbor, MI
A. 30 Central Michigan
S. 6 Houston
S. 13 Notre Dame
S. 20 at Oregon
S. 27 Indiana
O. 4 at Iowa
O. 11 at Minnesota
O. 18 Illinois
O. 25 Purdue
N. 1 at Michigan State
N. 15 at Northwestern
N. 22 Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (4-8)

East Lansing, MI
A. 30 Western Michigan
S. 6 Rutgers
S. 13 Louisiana Tech
S. 20 at Notre Dame
S. 27 Iowa
O. 4 Indiana
O. 11 at Illinois
O. 18 at Minnesota
N. 1 Michigan
N. 8 at Ohio State
N. 15 at Wisconsin
N. 22 Penn State

MINNESOTA (8-5)

Minneapolis, MN
A. 30 Tulsa
S. 6 Troy State
S. 13 at Ohio
S. 20 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 27 at Penn State
O. 4 at Northwestern
O. 11 Michigan
O. 18 Michigan State
O. 25 at Illinois
N. 1 Indiana
N. 8 Wisconsin
N. 15 at Iowa

NORTHWESTERN (3-9)

Evanston, IL
A. 30 at Kansas
S. 6 Air Force
S. 13 Miami (OH)
S. 20 at Duke
S. 27 at Ohio State
O. 4 Minnesota
O. 11 at Indiana
O. 25 Wisconsin
N. 1 at Purdue
N. 8 Penn State
N. 15 Michigan
N. 22 at Illinois

OHIO STATE (14-0)

Columbus, OH
A. 30 Washington
S. 6 San Diego State
S. 13 NC State
S. 20 Bowling Green
S. 27 Northwestern
O. 11 at Wisconsin
O. 18 Iowa
O. 25 at Indiana
N. 1 at Penn State
N. 8 Michigan State
N. 15 Purdue
N. 22 at Michigan

PENN STATE (9-4)

University Park, PA
A. 30 Temple
S. 6 Boston College
S. 13 at Nebraska
S. 20 Kent State
S. 27 Minnesota
O. 4 Wisconsin
O. 11 at Purdue
O. 25 at Iowa
N. 1 Ohio State
N. 8 at Northwestern
N. 15 Indiana
N. 22 at Michigan State

PURDUE (7-6)

West Lafayette, IN
S. 6 Bowling Green
S. 13 at Wake Forest
S. 20 Arizona
S. 27 Notre Dame
O. 4 Illinois
O. 11 Penn State
O. 18 at Wisconsin
O. 25 at Michigan
N. 1 Northwestern
N. 8 Iowa
N. 15 at Ohio State
N. 22 at Indiana

WISCONSIN (8-6)

Madison, WI
A. 30 at West Virginia
S. 6 Akron
S. 13 UNLV
S. 20 North Carolina
S. 27 at Illinois
O. 4 at Penn State
O. 11 Ohio State
O. 18 Purdue
O. 25 at Northwestern
N. 8 at Minnesota
N. 15 Michigan State
N. 22 Iowa

BIG 12

BAYLOR (3-9)

Waco, TX
A. 30 UAB
S. 6 at North Texas
S. 13 SMU
S. 20 Sam Houston
O. 4 Colorado
O. 11 at Texas A&M
O. 18 at Kansas
O. 25 Texas
N. 1 at Kansas State
N. 8 Texas Tech
N. 15 at Oklahoma
N. 22 Oklahoma State

COLORADO (9-5)

Boulder, CO
A. 30 Colorado State
S. 6 UCLA
S. 13 Washington State
S. 20 at Florida State
O. 4 at Baylor
O. 11 Kansas
O. 18 at Kansas State
O. 25 Oklahoma
N. 1 at Texas Tech
N. 8 Missouri
N. 15 at Iowa State
N. 28 Nebraska
#Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (7-7)

Ames, IA
A. 30 Northern Iowa
S. 6 Ohio
S. 13 Iowa
S. 27 at Northern Illinois
O. 4 Oklahoma
O. 11 at Texas Tech
O. 18 Texas
O. 25 at Nebraska
N. 1 at Missouri
N. 8 Kansas State
N. 15 Colorado
N. 22 at Kansas

KANSAS (2-10)

Lawrence, KS
A. 30 Northwestern
S. 6 UNLV
S. 13 at Wyoming
S. 20 Jacksonville State
S. 27 Missouri
O. 11 at Colorado
O. 18 Baylor
O. 25 at Kansas State
N. 1 at Texas A&M
N. 8 Nebraska
N. 15 at Oklahoma State
N. 22 Iowa State

KANSAS STATE (11-2)

Manhattan, KS
A. 23 California
A. 30 Troy State
S. 6 McNeese State
S. 13 Massachusetts
S. 20 Marshall
O. 4 at Texas
O. 11 at Oklahoma State
O. 18 Colorado
O. 25 Kansas
N. 1 Baylor
N. 8 at Iowa State
N. 15 at Nebraska
N. 22 Missouri
#Kansas City, MO

MISSOURI (5-7)

Columbia, MO
A. 30 Illinois
S. 6 at Ball State
S. 13 Eastern Illinois
S. 20 Middle Tennessee
S. 27 at Kansas
O. 11 Nebraska
O. 18 at Oklahoma
O. 25 Texas Tech
N. 1 Iowa State
N. 8 at Colorado
N. 15 Texas A&M
N. 22 at Kansas State
#St. Louis, MO

NEBRASKA (7-7)

Lincoln, NE
A. 30 Oklahoma State
S. 6 Utah State
S. 13 Penn State
S. 25 at Southern Miss
O. 4 Troy State
O. 11 at Missouri
O. 18 Texas A&M
O. 25 Iowa State
N. 1 at Texas
N. 8 at Kansas
N. 15 Kansas State
N. 28 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA (12-2)

Norman, OK
A. 30 North Texas
S. 6 at Alabama
S. 13 Fresno State
S. 20 UCLA
O. 4 at Iowa State
O. 11 Texas
O. 18 Missouri
O. 25 at Colorado
N. 1 Oklahoma State
N. 8 Texas A&M
N. 15 Baylor
N. 22 at Texas Tech
#Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (8-5)

Stillwater, OK
A. 30 at Nebraska
S. 6 Wyoming
S. 13 SW Missouri State
S. 20 at SMU
O. 4 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 11 Kansas State
O. 18 Texas Tech
O. 25 at Texas A&M
N. 1 at Oklahoma
N. 8 Texas
N. 15 Kansas
N. 22 at Baylor

TEXAS (11-2)

Austin, TX
A. 30 New Mexico State
S. 13 Arkansas
S. 20 at Rice
S. 27 Tulane
O. 4 Kansas State
O. 11 Oklahoma
O. 18 at Iowa State
O. 25 at Baylor
N. 1 Nebraska
N. 8 at Oklahoma State
N. 15 Texas Tech
N. 28 at Texas A&M
#Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (6-6)

College Station, TX
A. 30 Arkansas State
S. 6 Utah
S. 18 at Virginia Tech
S. 27 Pittsburg
O. 4 at Texas Tech
O. 11 Baylor
O. 18 at Nebraska
O. 25 Oklahoma State
N. 1 Kansas
N. 8 at Oklahoma
N. 15 at Missouri
N. 28 Texas

TEXAS TECH (9-5)

Lubbock, TX
A. 30 SMU
S. 6 New Mexico
S. 20 at NC State
S. 27 at Ole Miss
O. 4 Texas A&M
O. 11 Iowa State
O. 18 at Oklahoma State
O. 25 at Missouri
N. 1 Colorado
N. 8 at Baylor
N. 15 at Texas
N. 22 Oklahoma

C-USA

ARMY (1-11)

West Point, NY
S. 6 Connecticut
S. 13 Rutgers
S. 20 Tulane
O. 4 at TCU
O. 11 at Louisville
O. 18 East Carolina
O. 25 at Cincinnati
N. 1 at UAB
N. 8 at Air Force
N. 15 Houston
N. 22 at Hawaii
D. 6 Navy
#Philadelphia, PA

CINCINNATI (7-7)

Cincinnati, OH
S. 1 East Carolina
S. 13 at West Virginia
S. 20 Temple
S. 27 at Miami (OH)
O. 4 Southern Miss
O. 11 at UAB
O. 25 Army
N. 1 at South Florida
N. 8 Rhode Island
N. 15 at TCU
N. 22 at Memphis
N. 29 Louisville

EAST CAROLINA (4-8)

Greenville, NC
S. 1 at Cincinnati
S. 6 West Virginia
S. 13 at Miami
S. 20 at Wake Forest
O. 1 Houston
O. 11 North Carolina
O. 18 at Army
O. 25 Louisville
N. 1 at Memphis
N. 8 South Florida
N. 22 at Tulane
N. 29 Southern Miss

HOUSTON (5-7)

Houston, TX
A. 30 Rice
S. 6 at Michigan
S. 13 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 20 Mississippi State
O. 1 at East Carolina
O. 11 at Tulane
O. 18 Memphis
O. 25 TCU
N. 8 Southern Miss
N. 15 at Army
N. 22 at Louisville
N. 29 UAB

LOUISVILLE (7-6)

Louisville, KY
A. 31 at Kentucky
S. 13 at Syracuse
S. 20 UTEP
S. 27 Temple
O. 4 at South Florida
O. 11 Army
O. 18 Tulane
O. 25 at East Carolina
N. 8 at TCU
N. 15 Memphis
N. 22 Houston
N. 29 at Cincinnati

MEMPHIS (3-9)

Memphis, TN
A. 30 Tennessee Tech
S. 6 Ole Miss
S. 13 at Southern Miss
S. 27 Arkansas State
O. 4 UAB
O. 11 at Mississippi State
O. 18 at Houston
O. 25 at Tulane
N. 1 East Carolina
N. 15 at Louisville
N. 22 Cincinnati
N. 29 South Florida

SOUTHERN MISS (7-6)

Hattiesburg, MS
A. 30 at California
S. 4 at UAB
S. 13 Memphis
S. 25 Nebraska
O. 4 at Cincinnati
O. 11 at Alabama
O. 25 South Florida
N. 1 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 8 at Houston
N. 15 Tulane
N. 20 TCU
N. 29 at East Carolina

SOUTH FLORIDA (9-2)

Tampa, FL
A. 30 #Alabama
S. 6 Nicholls State
S. 27 at Army
O. 4 Louisville
O. 10 TCU
O. 25 at Southern Miss
N. 1 Cincinnati
N. 8 at East Carolina
N. 22 UAB
N. 29 at Memphis
#Birmingham, AL

TCU (10-2)

Fort Worth, TX
S. 1 at Tulane
S. 6 Navy
S. 20 Vanderbilt
S. 27 at Arizona
O. 4 Army
O. 10 at South Florida
O. 18 UAB
O. 25 at Houston
N. 1 Louisville
N. 15 Cincinnati
N. 20 at Southern Miss
N. 29 at SMU

TULANE (8-5)

New Orleans, LA
S. 1 TCU
S. 6 Northwestern State
S. 13 Mississippi State
S. 20 at Army
S. 27 at Texas
O. 11 Houston
O. 18 at Louisville
O. 25 Memphis
N. 1 at Navy
N. 8 at UAB
N. 15 at Southern Miss
N. 22 East Carolina

UAB (5-7)

Birmingham, AL
A. 30 at Baylor
S. 4 Southern Miss
S. 13 Troy State
S. 20 at South Carolina
O. 4 at Memphis
O. 11 Cincinnati
O. 18 at TCU
O. 25 at Georgia
N. 1 Army
N. 8 Tulane
N. 22 at South Florida
N. 29 at Houston

MAC**AKRON (4-8)**

Akron, OH
A. 28 Kent State
S. 6 at Wisconsin
S. 13 Eastern Michigan
S. 20 Howard
S. 27 at Buffalo
O. 4 at Miami (OH)
O. 11 Cal Poly
O. 18 UCF
O. 25 at Connecticut
N. 1 at Marshall
N. 8 at Central Michigan
N. 15 Ohio

BALL STATE (6-6)

Muncie, IN
A. 30 Indiana State
S. 6 Missouri
S. 13 at Pittsburgh
S. 20 Central Michigan
S. 27 at Boston College
O. 4 at Kent State
O. 18 Miami (OH)
O. 25 Toledo
N. 1 at Northern Illinois
N. 8 at Western Michigan
N. 15 at Eastern Michigan
N. 22 Bowling Green

BOWLING GREEN (9-3)

Bowling Green, OH
A. 28 Eastern Kentucky
S. 6 at Purdue
S. 13 Liberty
S. 20 at Ohio State
O. 4 Central Michigan
O. 11 at Western Michigan
O. 18 at Eastern Michigan
O. 25 Northern Illinois
N. 4 at Miami (OH)
N. 15 Kent State
N. 22 at Ball State
N. 28 Toledo

BUFFALO (1-11)

Buffalo, NY
A. 30 at Rutgers
S. 6 at Iowa
S. 13 Colgate
S. 20 Connecticut
S. 27 Akron
O. 4 at UCF
O. 11 at Miami (OH)
O. 18 Marshall
O. 25 Ohio
N. 1 at Toledo
N. 8 Northern Illinois
N. 22 at Kent State

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (4-8)

Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 30 at Michigan
S. 6 New Hampshire
S. 13 Eastern Kentucky
S. 20 at Ball State
O. 4 at Bowling Green
O. 11 Northern Illinois
O. 18 Toledo
O. 25 at UCF
N. 1 Eastern Michigan
N. 8 Akron
N. 15 at Western Michigan
N. 22 at Navy

EASTERN MICHIGAN (3-9)

Ypsilanti, MI
A. 28 East Tenn. State
S. 4 Western Illinois
S. 13 at Akron
S. 20 at Navy
S. 27 Maryland
O. 4 Western Michigan
O. 11 at Toledo
O. 18 Bowling Green
N. 1 at Central Michigan
N. 8 UCF
N. 15 Ball State
N. 22 at Northern Illinois

KENT STATE (3-9)

Kent, OH
A. 28 at Akron
S. 6 at Pittsburgh
S. 13 Youngstown State
S. 20 at Penn State
S. 27 UCF
O. 4 Ball State
O. 11 at Marshall
O. 18 Connecticut
O. 25 Miami (OH)
N. 8 at Ohio
N. 15 at Bowling Green
N. 22 Buffalo

MARSHALL (11-2)

Huntington, WV
A. 30 Hofstra
S. 6 at Tennessee
S. 12 Toledo
S. 20 at Kansas State
S. 27 at Troy State
O. 11 Kent State
O. 18 at Buffalo
O. 25 at Western Michigan
N. 1 Akron
N. 12 at Miami (OH)
N. 19 at UCF
N. 28 Ohio

MIAMI (OH) (7-5)

Oxford, OH
A. 30 at Iowa
S. 13 at Northwestern
S. 20 at Colorado State
S. 27 Cincinnati
O. 4 Akron
O. 11 Buffalo
O. 18 at Ball State
O. 25 at Kent State
N. 4 Bowling Green
N. 12 Marshall
N. 22 at Ohio
N. 28 at UCF

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (8-4)

Dekalb, IL
A. 30 Maryland
S. 6 Tennessee Tech
S. 20 at Alabama
S. 27 Iowa State
O. 4 Ohio
O. 11 at Central Michigan
O. 18 Western Michigan
O. 25 at Bowling Green
N. 1 Ball State
N. 8 at Buffalo
N. 15 at Toledo
N. 22 Eastern Michigan

OHIO (4-8)

Athens, OH
A. 28 SE Missouri State
S. 6 at Iowa State
S. 13 Minnesota
S. 27 Western Michigan
O. 4 at Northern Illinois
O. 11 UCF
O. 18 at Kentucky
O. 25 at Buffalo
N. 8 Kent State
N. 15 at Akron
N. 22 Miami (OH)
N. 28 at Marshall

TOLEDO (9-5)

Toledo, OH
A. 30 at UNLV
S. 6 Liberty
S. 12 at Marshall
S. 20 Pittsburgh
S. 27 at Syracuse
O. 11 Eastern Michigan
O. 18 at Central Michigan
O. 25 at Ball State
N. 1 Buffalo
N. 15 Northern Illinois
N. 22 Western Michigan
N. 28 at Bowling Green

UCF (7-5)

Orlando, FL
A. 30 at Virginia Tech
S. 13 Florida Atlantic
S. 20 at Syracuse
S. 27 at Kent State
O. 4 Buffalo
O. 11 at Ohio
O. 18 at Akron
O. 25 Central Michigan
N. 1 at West Virginia
N. 8 at Eastern Michigan
N. 19 Marshall
N. 28 Miami (OH)

WESTERN MICHIGAN (4-8)

Kalamazoo, MI
A. 30 at Michigan State
S. 6 William & Mary
S. 13 Virginia
S. 27 at Ohio
O. 4 at Eastern Michigan
O. 11 Bowling Green
O. 18 at Northern Illinois
O. 25 Marshall
N. 1 at Connecticut
N. 8 Ball State
N. 15 Central Michigan
N. 22 at Toledo

MWC**AIR FORCE (8-5)**

Colorado Springs, CO
A. 30 Wofford
S. 6 at Northwestern
S. 13 North Texas
S. 20 Wyoming
S. 27 at BYU
O. 4 #Navy
O. 11 UNLV
O. 16 at Colorado State
N. 1 Utah
N. 8 Army
N. 15 at New Mexico
N. 22 at San Diego State
#Landover, MD

BYU (5-7)

Provo, UT
A. 28 Georgia Tech
S. 6 at USC
S. 13 at New Mexico
S. 20 Stanford
S. 27 Air Force
O. 4 at San Diego State
O. 9 Colorado State
O. 18 at Wyoming
O. 25 at UNLV
O. 31 Boise State
N. 15 at Notre Dame
N. 22 Utah

COLORADO STATE (10-4)

Fort Collins, CO
A. 30 #Colorado
S. 6 at California
S. 13 Weber State
S. 20 Miami (OH)
S. 27 Utah
O. 4 Fresno State
O. 9 at BYU
O. 16 Air Force
N. 1 at Wyoming
N. 7 at New Mexico
N. 15 San Diego State
N. 22 at UNLV
#Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (7-7)

Albuquerque, NM
A. 30 SW Texas State
S. 6 at Texas Tech
S. 13 BYU
S. 20 at Washington State
S. 27 New Mexico State
O. 4 Utah State
O. 18 at San Diego State
O. 25 at Utah
N. 1 UNLV
N. 7 Colorado State
N. 15 Air Force
N. 22 at Wyoming

SAN DIEGO STATE (4-9)

San Diego, CA
A. 30 Eastern Washington
S. 6 at Ohio State
S. 13 at UTEP
S. 20 Samford
S. 27 at UCLA
O. 4 BYU
O. 11 at Utah
O. 18 New Mexico
O. 25 Wyoming
N. 8 at UNLV
N. 15 at Colorado State
N. 22 Air Force

UNLV (5-7)

Las Vegas, NV
A. 30 Toledo
S. 6 at Kansas
S. 13 at Wisconsin
S. 19 Hawaii
O. 4 at Nevada
O. 11 at Air Force
O. 18 Utah
O. 25 BYU
N. 1 at New Mexico
N. 8 San Diego State
N. 22 Colorado State
N. 29 at Wyoming

UTAH (5-6)

Salt Lake City, UT
A. 28 Utah State
S. 6 at Texas A&M
S. 11 California
S. 27 at Colorado State
O. 3 Oregon
O. 11 San Diego State
O. 18 at UNLV
O. 25 New Mexico
N. 1 at Air Force
N. 15 Wyoming
N. 22 at BYU

WYOMING (2-10)

Laramie, WY
A. 30 Montana State
S. 6 at Oklahoma State
S. 13 Kansas
S. 20 at Air Force
S. 27 at Boise State
O. 11 at Utah State
O. 18 BYU
O. 25 at San Diego State
O. 25 at Washington
N. 1 Washington State
N. 15 at Arizona
N. 22 UCLA

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ARIZONA (4-8)
Tucson, AZ
A. 30 UTEP
S. 6 LSU
S. 13 Oregon
S. 20 at Purdue
S. 27 TCU
O. 4 at Washington State
O. 11 UCLA
O. 25 at California
N. 1 at Oregon State
N. 8 Washington
N. 15 USC
N. 28 at Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (8-6)

Tempe, AZ
S. 6 Northern Arizona
S. 13 Utah State
S. 20 at Iowa
S. 27 at Oregon State
O. 4 USC
O. 11 Oregon
O. 18 at North Carolina
O. 25 at UCLA
N. 1 California
N. 8 at Stanford
N. 15 at Washington State
N. 28 Arizona

CALIFORNIA (7-5)

Berkeley, CA
A. 23 #Kansas State
A. 30 Southern Miss
S. 6 Colorado State
S. 13 at Utah
S. 20 at Illinois
S. 27 USC
O. 4 Oregon State
O. 18 at UCLA
O. 25 Arizona
N. 1 at Arizona State
N. 8 at Oregon
N. 15 Washington
N. 22 at Stanford
#Kansas City, MO

OREGON (7-6)

Eugene, OR
A. 30 at Mississippi State
S. 6 Nevada
S. 13 at Arizona
S. 20 Michigan
S. 27 Washington State
O. 4 Utah
O. 11 at Arizona State
O. 25 Stanford
N. 1 at Washington
N. 8 California
N. 15 at UCLA
N. 22 Oregon State

OREGON STATE (8-5)

Corvallis, OR
A. 30 Sacramento State
S. 6 at Fresno State
S. 13 New Mexico State
S. 20 Boise State
S. 27 Arizona State
O. 4 at California
O. 18 Washington
O. 25 at Washington State
N. 1 Arizona
N. 15 Stanford
N. 22 at Oregon
D. 6 at USC

STANFORD (2-9)

Stanford, CA
S. 6 San Jose State
S. 20 at BYU
S. 27 at Washington
O. 11 at USC
O. 18 Washington State
O. 25 at Oregon
N. 1 UCLA
N. 8 Arizona State
N. 15 at Oregon State
N. 22 California
N. 29 Notre Dame

UCLA (8-5)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 6 at Colorado
S. 13 Illinois
S. 20 at Oklahoma
S. 27 San Diego State
O. 4 Washington
O. 11 at Arizona
O. 18 California
O. 25 Arizona State
N. 1 at Stanford
N. 8 at Washington State
N. 15 Oregon
N. 22 at USC

USC (11-2)

Los Angeles, CA
A. 30 at Auburn
S. 6 BYU
S. 13 Hawaii
S. 27 at California
O. 4 at Arizona State
O. 11 Stanford
O. 18 at Notre Dame
O. 25 at Washington
N. 1 Washington State
N. 15 at Arizona
N. 22 UCLA
D. 6 Oregon State

WASHINGTON (7-6)

Seattle, WA
A. 30 at Ohio State
S. 6 Indiana
S. 20 Idaho
S. 27 Stanford
O. 4 at UCLA
O. 11 Nevada
O. 18 at Oregon State
O. 25 USC
N. 1 Oregon
N. 8 at Arizona
N. 15 at California
N. 22 Washington State

WASHINGTON ST. (10-3)

Pullman, WA
A. 30 Idaho
S. 6 at Notre Dame
S. 13 at Colorado
S. 20 New Mexico
S. 27 at Oregon
O. 4 Arizona
O. 18 at Stanford
O. 25 Oregon State
N. 1 at USC
N. 8 UCLA
N. 15 Arizona State
N. 22 at Washington

SEC**ALABAMA (10-3)**

Tuscaloosa, AL
A. 30 #South Florida
S. 6 Oklahoma
S. 13 Kentucky
S. 20 Northern Illinois
S. 27 Arkansas
O. 4 at Georgia
O. 11 Southern Miss
O. 18 at Ole Miss
O. 25 Tennessee
N. 8 at Mississippi State
N. 15 LSU
N. 22 at Auburn
N. 29 at Hawaii
#Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS (9-5)

Fayetteville, AR
S. 6 Tulsa
S. 13 at Texas
S. 20 #North Texas
S. 27 at Alabama
O. 11 Auburn
O. 18 Florida
O. 25 at Ole Miss
N. 1 at Kentucky
N. 8 #South Carolina
N. 15 New Mexico State
N. 22 Mississippi State
N. 29 at LSU
#Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (9-4)

Auburn, AL
A. 30 USC
S. 6 at Georgia Tech
S. 13 at Vanderbilt
S. 27 Western Kentucky
O. 4 Tennessee
O. 11 at Arkansas
O. 18 Mississippi State
O. 25 at LSU
N. 1 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 8 Ole Miss
N. 15 at Georgia
N. 22 Alabama

FLORIDA (8-5)

Gainesville, FL
A. 30 San Jose State
S. 6 at Miami
S. 13 Florida A&M
S. 20 Tennessee
S. 27 at Kentucky
O. 4 Ole Miss
O. 11 at LSU
O. 18 at Arkansas
N. 1 #Georgia
N. 8 Vanderbilt
N. 15 at South Carolina
N. 29 Florida State
#Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (13-1)

Athens, GA
A. 30 at Clemson
S. 6 Middle Tennessee
S. 13 South Carolina
S. 20 at LSU
O. 4 Alabama
O. 11 at Tennessee
O. 18 at Vanderbilt
O. 25 UAB
N. 1 #Florida
N. 15 Auburn
N. 22 Kentucky
N. 29 at Georgia Tech
#Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (7-5)

Lexington, KY
A. 30 Louisville
S. 6 Murray State
S. 13 at Alabama
S. 20 at Indiana
S. 27 Florida
O. 11 at South Carolina
O. 18 Ohio
O. 25 Mississippi State
N. 1 Arkansas
N. 15 at Vanderbilt
N. 22 at Georgia
N. 29 Tennessee

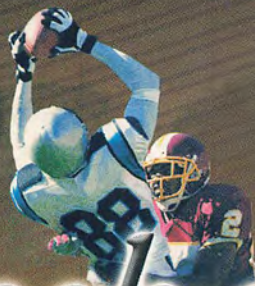
LSU (8-5)

Baton Rouge, LA
A. 30 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 6 at Arizona
S. 13 Western Illinois
S. 20 Georgia
S. 27 at Mississippi State
O. 11 Florida
O. 18 at South Carolina
O. 25 Auburn
N. 1 Louisiana Tech
N. 15 at Alabama
N. 22 at Ole Miss
N. 29 Arkansas

MISSISSIPPI STATE (3-9)

Starkville, MS
A. 30 Oregon
S. 13 at Tulane
S. 20 at Houston
S. 27 LSU
O. 4 Vanderbilt
O. 11 Memphis
O. 18 at Auburn
O. 25 at Kentucky
N. 8 Alabama
N. 15 at Tennessee
N. 22 at Arkansas
N. 29 Ole Miss

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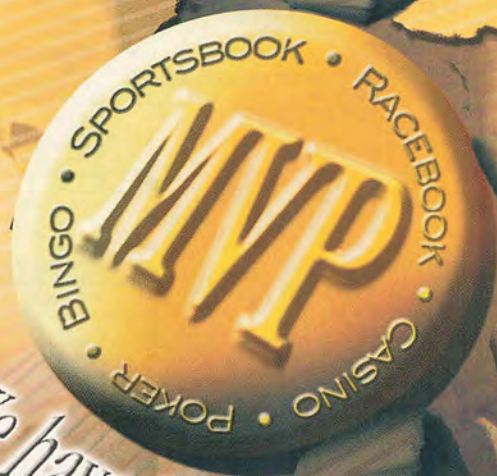
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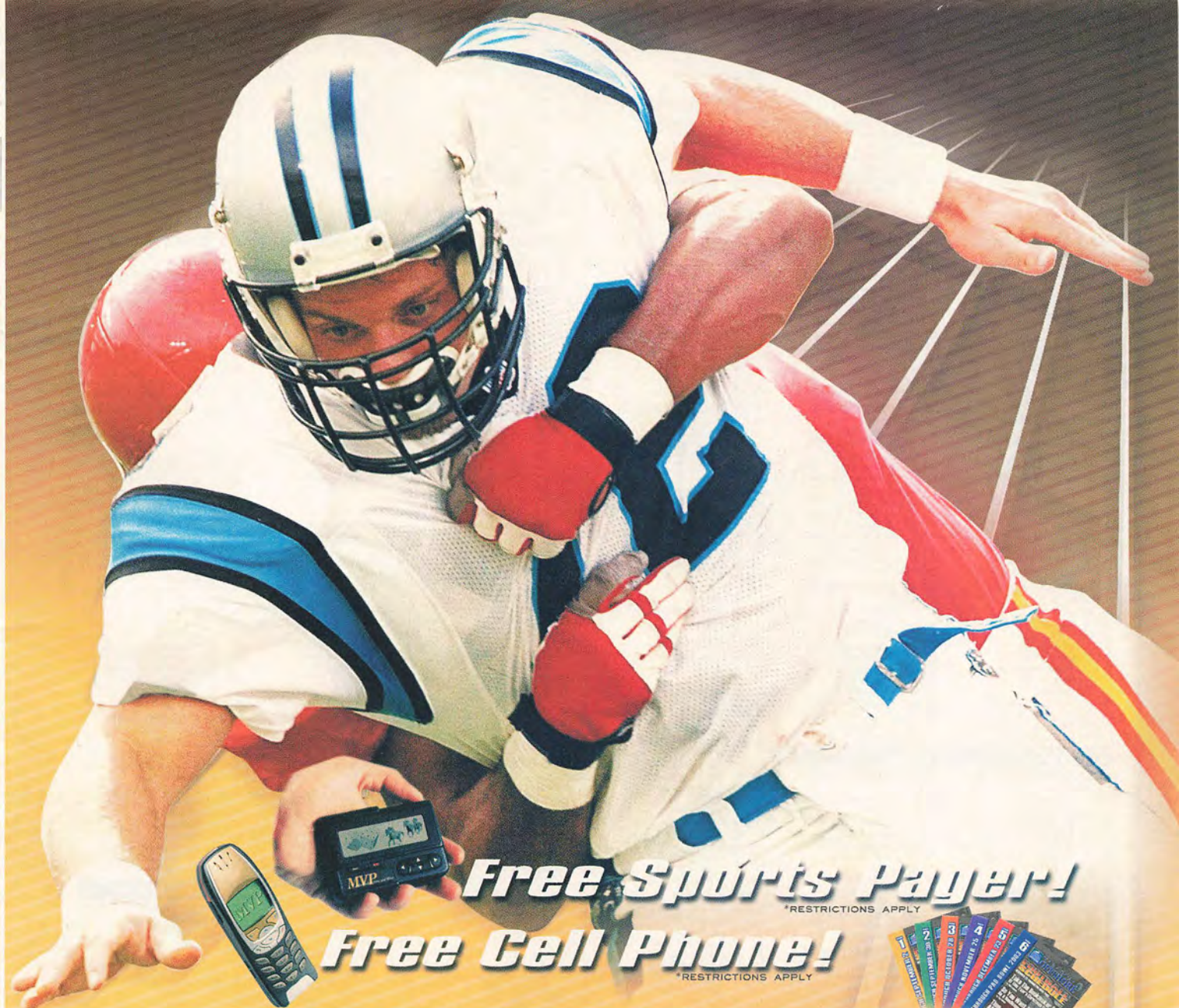
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OLE MISS (7-6)

Oxford, MS
A. 30 at Vanderbilt
S. 6 at Memphis
S. 13 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 27 Texas Tech
O. 4 at Florida
O. 11 Arkansas State
O. 18 Alabama
O. 25 Arkansas
N. 1 South Carolina
N. 8 at Auburn
N. 22 LSU
N. 27 at Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-7)

Columbia, SC
A. 30 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 6 Virginia
S. 13 at Georgia
S. 20 UAB
S. 27 at Tennessee
O. 11 Kentucky
O. 18 LSU
O. 25 Vanderbilt
N. 1 at Ole Miss
N. 8 Arkansas
N. 15 Florida
N. 22 Clemson
#Little Rock, AR

TENNESSEE (8-5)

Knoxville, TN
A. 30 Fresno State
S. 6 Marshall
S. 13 at Georgia
S. 27 South Carolina
O. 4 at Auburn
O. 11 Georgia
O. 25 at Alabama
N. 1 Duke
N. 8 at Miami
N. 15 Mississippi State
N. 22 Vanderbilt
N. 29 at Kentucky

VANDERBILT (2-10)

Nashville, TN
A. 30 Ole Miss
S. 6 Chattanooga
S. 13 Auburn
S. 20 at TCU
S. 27 Georgia Tech
O. 4 at Mississippi State
O. 11 Navy
O. 18 Georgia
O. 25 at South Carolina
N. 8 at Florida
N. 15 Kentucky
N. 22 at Tennessee

SUN BELT**ARKANSAS STATE (6-7)**

Jonesboro, AR
A. 30 at Texas A&M
S. 6 Tennessee-Martin
S. 13 SE Missouri State
S. 20 at Tulsa
S. 27 at Memphis
O. 4 #Louisiana-Monroe
O. 11 at Ole Miss
O. 25 at Utah State
N. 1 at New Mexico State
N. 8 Idaho
N. 15 at North Texas
N. 22 Middle Tennessee
#Little Rock, AR

IDAHO (2-10)

Moscow, ID
A. 30 at Washington State
S. 6 Eastern Washington
S. 13 Boise State
S. 20 at Washington
S. 27 at Montana
O. 4 at New Mexico State
O. 11 North Texas
O. 18 Middle Tennessee
O. 25 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 8 at Arkansas State
N. 15 at Louisiana-Monroe
N. 22 Utah State

UL-LAFAYETTE (3-9)

Lafayette, LA
A. 30 at South Carolina
S. 6 Louisiana Tech
S. 13 Houston
S. 20 at Minnesota
S. 27 at North Texas
O. 4 at Oklahoma State
O. 11 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 18 New Mexico State
O. 25 Idaho
N. 1 at Southern Miss
N. 8 Florida International
N. 15 at Middle Tennessee

UL-MONROE (3-9)

Monroe, LA
A. 30 at LSU
S. 6 Stephen F. Austin
S. 13 at Ole Miss
S. 20 Northwestern State
S. 27 at Utah State
O. 4 #Arkansas State
O. 11 at Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 25 New Mexico State
N. 1 at Auburn
N. 8 North Texas
N. 15 Idaho
N. 22 at Troy State
#Little Rock, AR

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4-8)

Murfreesboro, TN
A. 28 Florida Atlantic
S. 6 at Georgia
S. 13 at Clemson
S. 20 at Missouri
O. 4 Temple
O. 11 New Mexico State
O. 18 at Idaho
O. 25 North Texas
N. 1 at Utah State
N. 8 Troy State
N. 15 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 22 at Arkansas State

NEW MEXICO STATE (7-5)

Las Cruces, NM
A. 30 at Texas
S. 6 Western New Mexico
S. 13 at Oregon State
S. 27 at New Mexico
O. 4 Idaho
O. 11 at Middle Tennessee
O. 18 at Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 25 at Louisiana-Monroe
N. 1 Arkansas State
N. 8 Utah State
N. 15 at Arkansas
N. 22 North Texas

NORTH TEXAS (8-5)

Denton, TX
A. 30 at Oklahoma
S. 6 Baylor
S. 13 at Air Force
S. 20 #Arkansas
S. 27 Louisiana Lafayette
O. 4 Idaho
O. 11 at Idaho
O. 18 Utah State
O. 25 at Middle Tennessee
N. 1 Troy State
N. 8 at Louisiana Monroe
N. 15 Arkansas State
N. 22 at New Mexico State
#Little Rock, AR

UTAH STATE (4-7)

Logan, UT
A. 30 at Utah
S. 6 at Nebraska
S. 13 at Arizona State
S. 27 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 4 at New Mexico
O. 11 Wyoming
O. 18 at North Texas
O. 25 Arkansas State
N. 8 Middle Tennessee
N. 15 at New Mexico State
N. 15 Troy State
N. 22 at Idaho

WAC**BOISE STATE (12-1)**

Boise, ID
S. 6 Idaho State
S. 13 at Idaho
S. 20 at Oregon State
S. 27 Wyoming
O. 4 at Louisiana Tech
O. 11 Tulsa
O. 18 at SMU
O. 25 San Jose State
O. 31 at BYU
N. 15 UTEP
N. 22 at Fresno State
N. 29 Nevada
D. 6 at Hawaii

FRESNO STATE (9-5)

Fresno, CA
A. 30 at Tennessee
S. 6 Oregon State
S. 13 at Oklahoma
S. 20 Louisiana Tech
S. 27 Portland State
O. 4 at Colorado State
O. 11 at Hawaii
O. 25 Rice
N. 1 at SMU
N. 8 at Nevada
N. 15 San Jose State
N. 21 Boise State
N. 29 at UTEP

HAWAII (10-4)

Honolulu, HI
A. 30 Appalachian State
S. 13 at USC
S. 19 at UNLV
S. 27 Rice
O. 4 at Tulsa
O. 11 Fresno State
O. 18 at Louisiana Tech
O. 25 UTEP
N. 1 at San Jose State
N. 15 at Nevada
N. 22 Army

LOUISIANA TECH (4-8)

Ruston, LA
A. 30 Miami
S. 6 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 13 at Michigan State
S. 20 at Fresno State
O. 4 Boise State
O. 11 at UTEP
N. 1 Hawaii
O. 25 at Nevada
N. 1 at LSU
N. 8 SMU
N. 15 at Tulsa
N. 29 Rice

NEVADA (5-7)

Reno, NV
A. 30 Southern Utah
S. 6 at Oregon
S. 18 at San Jose State
S. 27 SMU
O. 4 UNLV
O. 11 at Washington
O. 18 at Tulsa
O. 25 Louisiana Tech
N. 1 at Rice
N. 8 Fresno State
N. 15 Hawaii
N. 29 at Boise State

RICE (4-7)

Houston, TX
A. 30 at Texas
S. 13 at Duke
S. 20 Texas
S. 27 at Hawaii
O. 4 San Jose State
O. 18 Navy
O. 25 at Fresno State
N. 1 Nevada
N. 8 Tulsa
N. 15 at SMU
N. 22 UTEP
N. 29 at Louisiana Tech

SAN JOSE STATE (6-7)

San Jose, CA
A. 23 Grambling
A. 30 at Florida
S. 6 at Stanford
S. 18 Nevada
O. 4 Rice
O. 11 SMU
O. 25 at Boise State
N. 1 Hawaii
N. 8 at UTEP
N. 15 at Fresno State
N. 22 Tulsa

SMU (3-9)

Dallas, TX
A. 30 at Texas Tech
S. 13 at Baylor
S. 20 Oklahoma State
S. 27 at Nevada
O. 4 UTEP
O. 11 at San Jose State
O. 18 Boise State
O. 25 at Tulsa
N. 1 Fresno State
N. 8 at Louisiana Tech
N. 15 Rice
N. 29 TCU

TULSA (1-11)

Tulsa, OK
A. 30 at Minnesota
S. 6 at Arkansas
S. 13 SW Texas State
S. 20 Arkansas State
O. 4 Hawaii
O. 11 at Boise State
O. 18 Nevada
O. 25 SMU
N. 1 at UTEP
N. 8 at Rice
N. 15 Louisiana Tech
N. 22 at San Jose State

UTEP (2-10)

El Paso, TX
A. 30 at Arizona
S. 6 Cal Poly
S. 13 San Diego State
S. 20 at Louisville
S. 27 Sam Houston
O. 4 at SMU
O. 11 Louisiana Tech
O. 25 at Hawaii
N. 1 Tulsa
N. 8 San Jose State
O. 15 Boise State
N. 22 at Rice
N. 29 Fresno State

I-A Independents**CONNECTICUT (6-6)**

Storrs, CT
A. 30 Indiana
S. 6 at Army
S. 13 Boston College
S. 20 at Buffalo
S. 27 at Virginia Tech
O. 4 Lehigh
O. 11 at NC State
O. 18 at Kent State
O. 25 Akron
N. 1 Western Michigan
N. 8 Rutgers
N. 15 at Wake Forest

NAVY (2-10)

Annapolis, MD
A. 30 VMI
S. 6 at TCU
S. 20 Eastern Michigan
S. 27 at Rutgers
O. 4 Air Force
O. 11 at Vanderbilt
O. 18 at Rice
O. 25 Delaware
N. 1 Tulane
N. 8 at Notre Dame
N. 22 Central Michigan
D. 6 %Army
#Landover, MD
% Philadelphia, PA

NOTRE DAME (10-3)

South Bend, IN
S. 6 Washington State
S. 13 at Michigan
S. 20 Michigan State
S. 27 at Purdue
O. 11 at Pittsburgh
O. 18 USC
O. 25 at Boston College
N. 1 Florida State
N. 8 Navy
N. 15 BYU
N. 29 at Stanford
D. 6 at Syracuse

TROY STATE (4-8)

Troy, AL
A. 30 at Kansas State
S. 6 at Minnesota
S. 13 at UAB
S. 20 Southeastern Louisiana
S. 27 Marshall
O. 4 at Nebraska
O. 18 Florida International
O. 25 at Virginia
N. 1 at North Texas
N. 8 at Middle Tennessee
N. 15 at Utah State
N. 22 Louisiana-Monroe

ATLANTIC 10**DELAWARE (6-6)**

Newark, DE
S. 6 The Citadel
S. 13 Richmond
S. 20 West Chester
S. 27 at Hofstra
O. 4 William & Mary
O. 11 at New Hampshire
O. 18 Rhode Island
O. 25 at Navy
N. 1 Maine
N. 8 at Northeastern
N. 15 Massachusetts
N. 22at Villanova

HOFSTRA (6-6)

Hempstead, NY
A. 30 at Marshall
S. 6 Maine
S. 13 Elon
S. 20 at James Madison
S. 27 Delaware
O. 11 Northeastern
O. 18 at Massachusetts
O. 25 New Hampshire
N. 1 at William & Mary
N. 8 Villanova
N. 15 at Rhode Island
N. 22 at Liberty

JAMES MADISON (5-7)

Harrisonburg, VA
A. 30 Liberty
S. 6 at Virginia Tech
S. 20 Hofstra
S. 27 at Massachusetts
O. 4 at Villanova
O. 11 Richmond
O. 18 at William & Mary
O. 25 at Maine
N. 1 Rhode Island
N. 8 at New Hampshire
N. 15 Charleston Southern
N. 22 Northeastern

MAINE (11-3)

Orono, ME
S. 6 Montana
S. 13 Florida International
S. 20 Massachusetts
S. 27 at William & Mary
O. 4 Richmond
O. 18 at Northeastern
O. 25 James Madison
N. 1 at Delaware
N. 15 Villanova
N. 22 at New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (8-4)

Amherst, MA
S. 6 Central Connecticut State
S. 13 at Kansas State
S. 20 at Maine
S. 27 James Madison
O. 4 New Hampshire
O. 11 at William & Mary
O. 18 Hofstra
O. 25 at Villanova
N. 1 Northeastern
N. 8 Richmond
N. 15 at Delaware
N. 22 Rhode Island

NEW HAMPSHIRE (3-8)

Durham, NH
A. 30 Central Connecticut State
S. 6 at Central Michigan
S. 13 Villanova
S. 20 at Rhode Island
S. 27 Dartmouth
O. 4 at Massachusetts
O. 11 Delaware
O. 18 at Richmond
O. 25 at Hofstra
N. 8 James Madison
N. 15 at William & Mary
N. 22 Maine

NORTHEASTERN (10-3)

Boston, MA
A. 30 Stonehill
S. 6 Albany
S. 13 at Rhode Island
S. 20 William & Mary
S. 27 at Villanova
O. 4 at Harvard
O. 11 at Hofstra
O. 18 Maine
N. 1 at Massachusetts
N. 8 Delaware
N. 15 Richmond
N. 22 at James Madison

RHODE ISLAND (3-9)

Kingston, RI
S. 6 Fordham
S. 13 Northeastern
S. 20 New Hampshire
S. 27 at Richmond
O. 4 at Brown
O. 11 Villanova
O. 18 at Delaware
O. 25 William & Mary
N. 1 at James Madison
N. 8 at Cincinnati
N. 15 Hofstra
N. 22 at Massachusetts

RICHMOND (4-7)

Richmond, VA
S. 13 at Delaware
S. 20 at Furman
S. 27 Rhode Island
O. 4 at Maine
O. 11 at James Madison
O. 18 New Hampshire
O. 25 VMI
N. 1 Villanova
N. 8 at Massachusetts
N. 15 at Northeastern
N. 22 William & Mary

VILLANOVA (11-4)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 28 Hampton
S. 6 at Temple
S. 13 at New Hampshire
S. 27 Northeastern
O. 4 James Madison
O. 11 at Rhode Island
O. 25 Massachusetts
N. 1 at Richmond
N. 8 at Hofstra
N. 15 at Maine
N. 22 Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (6-5)

Williamsburg, VA
S. 6 at Western Michigan
S. 13 at VMI
S. 20 at Northeastern
S. 27 Maine
O. 4 at Delaware
O. 11 Massachusetts
O. 18 James Madison
O. 25 at Rhode Island
N. 1 Hofstra
N. 15 New Hampshire
N. 22 at Richmond

BIG SKY**EASTERN WASHINGTON (6-5)**

Cheney, WA
A. 30 at San Diego State
S. 6 at Idaho
S. 13 Central Washington
S. 20 Southern Utah
S. 27 Weber State
O. 4 at Idaho State
O. 11 Portland State
O. 18 at Northern Arizona
O. 25 at Sacramento State
N. 8 Montana State
N. 15 at Montana

IDAHO STATE (8-3)

Pocatello, ID
A. 30 Montana-Western
S. 6 at Boise State
S. 13 Northern Colorado
S. 27 at Sacramento State
O. 4 Eastern Washington
O. 11 at Montana State
O. 18 Montana
O. 25 at Weber State
N. 1 Portland State
N. 8 at Northern Arizona
N. 15 at Cal Poly
N. 22 Southern Utah

MONTANA (11-3)

Missoula, MT
A. 30 at Maine
S. 6 North Dakota State
S. 13 Sam Houston State
S. 27 Idaho
O. 4 Cal Poly
O. 11 Weber State
O. 18 at Idaho State
O. 25 Portland State
N. 1 at Northern Arizona
N. 8 at Sacramento State
N. 15 Eastern Washington
N. 22 at Montana State

MONTANA STATE (7-6)

Bozeman, MT
A. 30 at Wyoming
S. 6 Gardner-Webb
S. 20 at Cal Poly
S. 27 Northern Colorado
O. 4 at St. Mary's
O. 11 Idaho State
O. 18 at Weber State
O. 25 Northern Arizona
N. 1 Sacramento State
N. 8 at Eastern Washington
N. 15 at Portland State
N. 22 Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (6-5)

Flagstaff, AZ
A. 30 St. Mary's
S. 6 at Arizona State
S. 20 at Portland State
S. 27 Cal Poly
O. 4 at Weber State
O. 11 at Sacramento State
O. 18 Eastern Washington
O. 25 at Montana State
N. 1 Montana
N. 8 Idaho State
N. 15 at Sam Houston State

PORTLAND STATE (6-5)

Portland, OR
S. 4 Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 13 Nicholls State
S. 20 Northern Arizona
S. 27 at Fresno State
O. 4 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 11 at Eastern Washington
O. 18 Sacramento State
O. 25 at Montana
N. 1 at Idaho State
N. 8 Weber State
N. 15 Montana State

SACRAMENTO ST. (5-7)

Sacramento, CA
A. 30 at Oregon State
S. 6 St. Mary's
S. 13 at Cal Poly
S. 27 Idaho State
O. 4 UC Davis
O. 11 Northern Arizona
O. 18 at Portland State
O. 25 Eastern Washington
N. 1 at Montana State
N. 8 Montana
N. 15 at Weber State

WEBER STATE (3-8)

Ogden, UT
A. 30 Western State
S. 6 Southern Utah
S. 13 at Colorado State
S. 20 Montana Tech
S. 27 at Eastern Washington
O. 4 Northern Arizona
O. 11 Montana
O. 18 Montana State
O. 25 Idaho State
N. 8 at Portland State
N. 15 Sacramento State
N. 22 at St. Mary's

BIG SOUTH**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (4-8)**

Charleston, SC
A. 30 at The Citadel
S. 6 at Wingate
S. 13 Presbyterian
S. 20 West Virginia State
S. 27 Tusculum
O. 11 at VMI
O. 25 at North Greenville
N. 1 Liberty
N. 8 at Gardner-Webb
N. 15 at James Madison
N. 22 Coastal Carolina

COASTAL CAROLINA (0-0)

Conway, SC
S. 6 Newberry
S. 13 Morehead State
S. 20 at Jacksonville
S. 25 at North Greenville
O. 4 Gardner-Webb
O. 11 Charleston (WV)
O. 25 at Savannah State
N. 1 VMI
N. 8 at Davidson
N. 15 at Liberty
N. 22 at Charleston Southern

GARDNER-WEBB (9-1)

Boiling Springs, NC
A. 30 Clark-Atlanta
S. 6 at Montana State
S. 13 Webber International
S. 20 Chattanooga
S. 27 Furman
O. 4 at Coastal Carolina
O. 11 Liberty
O. 18 at VMI
N. 1 at Florida Atlantic
N. 8 Charleston Southern
N. 15 Florida International
N. 22 at Western Carolina

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Aug 10 Browns (+3) 27, Vikings 15		
NFL Pre-Season Wise Guy Game of the Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIN!
Aug 15 Jets (-1 1/2) 34, Ravens 16		
College Football Opener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIN!
Aug 22 Colo St (Pick) 35, Virginia 29		
NFL Blowout of the Week	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIN!
Aug 22 Chargers (+4 1/2) 31, Rams 10		
College Blowout Of The Month	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIN!
Aug 29 BYU (-2 1/2) 42, Syracuse 21		
College Upset Game of the Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIN!
Aug 3 Miami-OH (+7) 27, UNC 21		
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Aug 31 Oregon (-13) 36, Miss St 13		

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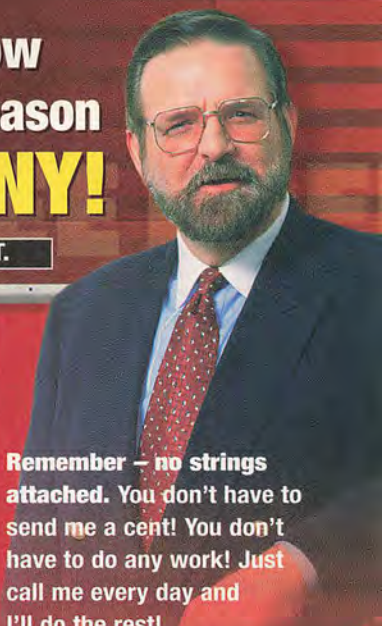
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LIBERTY (2-9)

Lynchburg, VA
A. 30 at James Madison
S. 6 at Toledo
S. 13 at Bowling Green
S. 27 Youngstown State
O. 4 VMI
O. 11 at Gardner-Webb
O. 18 at East Tennessee State
N. 1 at Charleston Southern
N. 15 Coastal Carolina
N. 22 Hofstra

VMI (6-6)

Lynchburg, VA
A. 30 at Navy
S. 6 at Davidson
S. 13 William & Mary
S. 20 Norfolk State
S. 27 Georgetown
O. 4 at Liberty
O. 11 Charleston Southern
O. 18 Gardner-Webb
O. 25 at Richmond
N. 1 at Coastal Carolina
N. 8 Austin Peay
N. 15 #The Citadel
#Charlotte, NC

GATEWAY**ILLINOIS STATE (6-5)**

Normal, IL
A. 28 Drake
S. 6 at Illinois
S. 13 Truman State
S. 20 at Eastern Illinois
S. 27 Florida Atlantic
O. 4 Northern Iowa
O. 11 at Southern Illinois
O. 18 Western Kentucky
O. 25 at Youngstown State
N. 1 Western Illinois
N. 8 at SW Missouri State
N. 15 Indiana State

INDIANA STATE (5-7)

Terre Haute, IN
A. 30 at Ball State
S. 6 Florida International
S. 13 at Indiana
S. 20 at Murray State
S. 27 Eastern Illinois
O. 4 Southern Illinois
O. 11 at Northern Iowa
O. 18 Youngstown State
O. 25 Western Kentucky
N. 1 at SW Missouri State
N. 8 Western Illinois
N. 15 at Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (5-6)

Cedar Falls, IA
A. 30 at Iowa State
S. 6 Northern Michigan
S. 18 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 27 Northwestern State
O. 4 at Illinois State
O. 11 Indiana State
O. 18 at SW Missouri State
O. 25 at Western Illinois
N. 1 Youngstown State
N. 8 at Western Kentucky
N. 15 Southern Illinois

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (4-8)

Carbondale, IL
A. 28 Quincy
S. 6 at SE Missouri
S. 13 Murray State
S. 27 St. Joseph's (IN)
O. 4 at Indiana State
O. 11 Illinois State
O. 18 at Western Illinois
O. 25 SW Missouri State
N. 1 at Western Kentucky
N. 8 Youngstown State
N. 15 at Northern Iowa

SW MISSOURI STATE (4-7)

Springfield, MO
A. 28 East Central (OK)
S. 13 at Oklahoma State
S. 20 at SE Missouri
O. 4 at Youngstown State
O. 11 at Western Kentucky
O. 18 Northern Iowa
O. 25 at Southern Illinois
N. 1 Indiana State
N. 8 Illinois State
N. 15 at Western Illinois

WESTERN ILLINOIS (11-2)

Macomb, IL
A. 28 Wayne State
S. 4 at Eastern Michigan
S. 13 at LSU
S. 20 Tennessee-Martin
O. 11 at Western Kentucky
O. 18 Southern Illinois
O. 25 Northern Iowa
N. 1 at Illinois State
N. 8 at Indiana State
N. 15 SW Missouri State

WESTERN KENTUCKY (12-3)

Bowling Green, KY
A. 28 Union (KY)
S. 6 West Virginia Tech
S. 20 Eastern Kentucky
S. 27 at Auburn
O. 4 at Western Illinois
O. 11 SW Missouri State
O. 18 at Illinois State
O. 25 at Indiana State
N. 1 Southern Illinois
N. 8 Northern Iowa
N. 15 at Youngstown State

YOUNGSTOWN ST. (7-4)

Youngstown, OH
A. 28 Edinboro
S. 6 Slippery Rock
S. 13 at Kent State
S. 20 Florida Atlantic
S. 27 at Liberty
O. 4 SW Missouri State
O. 11 Western Illinois
O. 18 at Indiana State
O. 25 Illinois State
N. 1 at Northern Iowa
N. 8 at Southern Illinois
N. 15 Western Kentucky

IVY**BROWN (2-8)**

Providence, RI
S. 20 at Albany
S. 27 at Harvard
O. 4 Rhode Island
O. 11 Fordham
O. 18 Princeton
O. 25 at Cornell
N. 1 Penn
N. 8 at Yale
N. 15 Dartmouth
N. 22 at Columbia

COLUMBIA (1-9)

New York, NY
S. 20 at Fordham
S. 27 Bucknell
O. 4 at Princeton
O. 11 at Lafayette
O. 18 Penn
O. 25 at Dartmouth
N. 1 Yale
N. 8 Harvard
N. 15 at Cornell
N. 22 Brown

CORNELL (4-6)

Ithaca, NY
S. 20 Bucknell
S. 27 at Yale
O. 4 Colgate
O. 11 Harvard
O. 18 Georgetown
O. 25 Brown
N. 1 at Princeton
N. 8 at Dartmouth
N. 15 Columbia
N. 22 at Penn

DARTMOUTH (3-7)

Hanover, NH
S. 20 Colgate
S. 27 at New Hampshire
O. 4 Penn
O. 11 at Yale
O. 18 at Holy Cross
O. 25 Columbia
N. 1 at Harvard
N. 8 Cornell
N. 15 at Brown
N. 22 Princeton

HARVARD (7-3)

Cambridge, MA
S. 20 at Holy Cross
S. 27 Brown
O. 4 Northeastern
O. 11 at Cornell
O. 18 Lafayette
O. 25 Princeton
N. 1 Dartmouth
N. 8 at Columbia
N. 15 Penn
N. 22 at Yale

PENN (9-1)

Philadelphia, PA
S. 20 Duquesne
S. 27 at Lehigh
O. 4 at Dartmouth
O. 11 Bucknell
O. 18 at Columbia
O. 25 Yale
N. 1 at Brown
N. 8 Princeton
N. 15 at Harvard
N. 22 Cornell

PRINCETON (6-4)

Princeton, NJ
S. 20 Lehigh
S. 27 at Lafayette
O. 4 Columbia
O. 11 Colgate
O. 18 at Brown
O. 25 at Harvard
N. 1 Cornell
N. 8 at Penn
N. 15 Yale
N. 22 at Dartmouth

YALE (6-4)

New Haven, CT
S. 20 Towson
S. 27 Cornell
O. 4 at Holy Cross
O. 11 Dartmouth
O. 18 at Colgate
O. 25 at Penn
N. 1 at Columbia
N. 8 Brown
N. 15 at Princeton
N. 22 Harvard

MAAC**DUQUESNE (11-1)**

Pittsburgh, PA
A. 30 at Bucknell
S. 13 Butler
S. 20 at Penn
S. 27 La Salle
O. 4 Siena
O. 11 at Iona
O. 18 St. Peter's
N. 1 at Morehead State
N. 8 at Marist
N. 15 Robert Morris

IONA (5-6)

New Rochelle, NY
S. 6 at Siena
S. 13 Wagner
S. 27 at Mountclair State
O. 4 at Monmouth
O. 11 Duquesne
O. 18 Marist
O. 25 Sacred Heart
N. 1 at La Salle
N. 8 at St. Peter's
N. 15 Stony Brook

LA SALLE (2-9)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 Rowan
S. 6 at Wagner
S. 19 at College of New Jersey
S. 27 at Duquesne
O. 4 St. Francis (PA)
O. 11 Marist
O. 18 Catholic
O. 25 Monmouth
N. 1 Iona
N. 8 at Siena
N. 15 St. Peter's

MARIST (7-4)

Poughkeepsie, NY
S. 6 at Lafayette
S. 20 Siena
S. 27 at Wagner
O. 4 at Sacred Heart
O. 11 La Salle
O. 18 at Iona
O. 25 at San Diego
N. 8 Duquesne
N. 15 Central Connecticut State

SIENA (3-7)

Loudonville, NY
S. 6 Iona
S. 13 at Stony Brook
S. 20 at Marist
S. 27 Central Connecticut State
O. 4 at Duquesne
O. 11 Sacred Heart
O. 18 Wagner
O. 25 St. Peter's
N. 8 La Salle
N. 15 at Florida Atlantic

ST. PETER'S (6-5)

Jersey City, NJ
A. 30 Sacred Heart
S. 6 at Monmouth
S. 20 Robert Morris
O. 4 at Albany
O. 18 at Duquesne
O. 25 at Siena
N. 8 Iona
N. 15 at La Salle

MEAC**BETHUNE-COOKMAN (11-2)**

Daytona Beach, FL
A. 30 Savannah State
S. 20 at Florida International
S. 27 at Norfolk State
O. 4 Morgan State
O. 11 at Delaware State
O. 18 South Carolina State
N. 1 North Carolina A&T
N. 8 Hampton
N. 15 at Howard
N. 22 Florida A&M
#Jacksonville, FL
#Orlando, FL

DELAWARE STATE (4-8)

Dover, DE
S. 6 Bucknell
S. 13 at Northwestern State
S. 20 North Carolina Central
S. 27 at Florida A&M
O. 4 at Hampton
O. 11 Bethune-Cookman
O. 25 Morgan State
N. 1 at South Carolina State
N. 8 at North Carolina A&T
N. 15 Norfolk State
N. 22 Howard

FLORIDA A&M (7-5)

Tallahassee, FL
A. 30 Alabama State
S. 6 Morgan State
S. 13 at Florida
S. 20 Tennessee State
S. 27 Delaware State
O. 4 Jackson State
O. 11 at Howard
O. 18 at North Carolina A&T
O. 25 Norfolk State
N. 1 at Hampton
N. 15 at South Carolina State
N. 22 Bethune-Cookman
#Detroit, MI
#Atlanta, GA
#Indianapolis, IN
#Orlando, FL

HAMPTON (7-5)

Hampton, VA
A. 28 at Villanova
S. 13 at Howard
S. 20 #Tuskegee
S. 27 Morgan State
O. 4 Delaware State
O. 18 at Norfolk State
O. 25 South Carolina State
Florida A&M
N. 8 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 15 at North Carolina A&T
N. 22 Savannah State
#Cincinnati, OH
#East Rutherford, NJ

HOWARD (6-5)

Washington, DC
S. 6 at Texas Southern
S. 13 Hampton
S. 20 at Akron
S. 27 at Savannah State
O. 11 Florida A&M
O. 18 at Morgan State
O. 25 at North Carolina A&T
N. 1 at Norfolk State
N. 8 South Carolina State
N. 15 Bethune-Cookman
N. 22 at Delaware State

MORGAN STATE (7-5)

Baltimore, MD
A. 30 Towson
S. 6 at Florida A&M
S. 13 South Carolina State
S. 27 Hampton
O. 4 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 11 North Carolina A&T
O. 18 Howard
O. 25 at Delaware State
N. 1 at Savannah State
N. 8 Norfolk State
#E. Rutherford, NJ

NC A&T (4-8)

Greensboro, NC
A. 30 North Carolina Central
S. 6 at Jackson State
S. 13 Southern
S. 27 at Elon
O. 4 at Norfolk State
O. 11 at Morgan State
O. 18 Florida A&M
O. 25 Howard
N. 1 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 8 Delaware State
N. 15 Hampton
N. 22 at South Carolina State
#Raleigh, NC
#Las Vegas, NV

NORFOLK STATE (5-6)

Norfolk, VA
A. 30 Virginia State
S. 13 Savannah State
S. 20 at VMI
S. 27 Bethune-Cookman
O. 4 North Carolina A&T
O. 11 at South Carolina State
O. 18 Hampton
O. 25 at Florida A&M
N. 1 Howard
N. 8 at Morgan State
N. 15 at Delaware State

SC STATE (7-5)

Orangeburg, SC
A. 30 at Tennessee State
S. 6 Wofford
S. 13 at Morgan State
S. 20 Savannah State
S. 27 at Benedict (SC)
O. 11 Norfolk State
O. 18 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 25 at Hampton
N. 1 Delaware State
N. 8 at Howard
N. 15 Florida A&M
N. 22 North Carolina A&T
#Charleston, SC

NORTHEAST**ALBANY (8-4)**

Albany, NY
S. 6 at Northeastern
S. 13 at Central Connecticut St.
S. 20 Brown
S. 27 Sacred Heart
O. 4 St. Peter's
O. 11 at St. Francis (PA)
O. 18 at Monmouth
O. 25 Stony Brook
N. 1 at Wagner
N. 8 Robert Morris
N. 15 at Towson

CENTRAL CONN. ST. (5-6)

New Britain, CT
A. 30 at New Hampshire
S. 6 at Massachusetts
S. 13 Albany
S. 20 Sacred Heart
S. 27 at Siena
O. 4 Wagner
O. 11 Robert Morris
O. 25 at St. Francis (PA)
N. 1 Monmouth
N. 8 at Stony Brook
N. 15 at Marist

MONMOUTH (2-8)

W. Long Branch, NJ
S. 6 St. Peter's
S. 13 Robert Morris
S. 20 at Georgetown
S. 27 at Stony Brook
O. 4 Iona
O. 11 Wagner
O. 18 Albany
O. 25 at La Salle
N. 1 at Central Connecticut St.
N. 8 at Sacred Heart
N. 15 at St. Francis (PA)

ROBERT MORRIS (3-7)

Corapolis, PA
S. 6 at Buffalo State
S. 13 at Monmouth
S. 20 at St. Peter's
S. 27 St. Francis (PA)
O. 4 Stony Brook
O. 11 at Central Connecticut St.
O. 18 Sacred Heart
O. 25 Wagner
N. 8 at Albany
N. 15 at Duquesne

SACRED HEART (7-3)

Fairfield, CT
A. 30 at St. Peter's
S. 13 St. Francis (PA)
S. 20 at Central Connecticut St.
S. 27 at Albany
O. 4 Marist
O. 11 at Siena
O. 18 at Robert Morris
O. 25 at Iona
N. 1 Stony Brook
N. 8 Monmouth
N. 15 at Wagner

ST. FRANCIS (PA) (2-8)

Loretto, PA
S. 6 Gannon
S. 13 at Sacred Heart
S. 20 at Valparaiso
S. 27 at Robert Morris
O. 4 at La Salle
O. 11 Albany
O. 18 at Stony Brook
O. 25 Central Connecticut State
N. 8 at Wagner
N. 15 Monmouth

STONY BROOK (8-2)

Stony Brook, NY
S. 13 Siena
S. 20 Wagner
S. 27 Monmouth
O. 4 at Robert Morris
O. 11 at Georgetown
O. 18 St. Francis (PA)
O. 25 at Albany
N. 1 at Sacred Heart
N. 8 Central Connecticut State
N. 15 at Iona

WAGNER (7-4)

Staten Island, NY
S. 6 La Salle
S. 13 at Iona
S. 20 at Stony Brook
S. 27 Marist
O. 4 Central Connecticut State
O. 11 at Monmouth
O. 18 at Siena
O. 25 at Robert Morris
N. 1 Albany
N. 8 St. Francis (PA)
N. 15 Sacred Heart

OHIO VALLEY**EASTERN ILLINOIS (8-4)**

Charleston, IL
S. 13 at Missouri
S. 20 Illinois State
S. 27 at Indiana State
O. 4 at SE Missouri
O. 11 Eastern Kentucky
O. 18 at Murray State
O. 25 Tennessee-Martin
N. 1 at Tennessee State
N. 8 at Tennessee Tech
N. 15 at Jacksonville State
N. 22 Samford

EASTERN KENTUCKY (8-4)

Richmond, KY
A. 28 at Bowling Green
S. 6 Appalachian State
S. 13 at Central Michigan
S. 20 at Western Kentucky
S. 27 at Jacksonville State
O. 4 Samford
O. 11 at Eastern Illinois
O. 18 SE Missouri
N. 1 at Murray State
N. 8 Tennessee-Martin
N. 15 at Tennessee State
N. 22 Tennessee Tech

JACKSONVILLE ST. (5-6)

Jacksonville, AL
A. 30 at Alabama A&M
S. 13 North Alabama
S. 20 at Kansas
S. 27 Eastern Kentucky
O. 4 at Murray State
O. 11 Tennessee-Martin
O. 18 at Tennessee State
O. 25 Tennessee Tech
N. 8 at Samford
N. 15 Eastern Illinois
N. 22 at SE Missouri

MURRAY STATE (7-5)

Murray, KY
A. 30 Valparaiso
S. 6 at Kentucky
S. 13 at Southern Illinois
S. 20 Indiana State
S. 27 at Tennessee Tech
O. 4 Jacksonville State
O. 11 at Samford
O. 18 Eastern Illinois
O. 25 at SE Missouri
N. 1 Eastern Kentucky
N. 13 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 22 Tennessee State

SAMFORD (4-7)

Birmingham, AL
A. 28 at Chattanooga
S. 4 West Alabama
S. 20 at San Diego State
S. 27 SE Missouri
O. 4 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 11 Murray State
O. 18 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 25 Tennessee State
N. 1 at Tennessee Tech
N. 8 Jacksonville State
N. 22 at Eastern Illinois

SE MISSOURI (8-4)

Cape Girardeau, MO
A. 28 at Ohio
S. 6 Southern Illinois
S. 13 at Arkansas State
S. 20 SW Missouri State
S. 27 at Samford
O. 4 Eastern Illinois
O. 18 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 25 Murray State
N. 1 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 15 at Tennessee Tech
N. 22 Jacksonville State

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2-10)

Martin, TN
A. 28 Austin Peay
S. 6 at Arkansas State
S. 11 East Tennessee State
S. 20 at Western Illinois
S. 27 at Tennessee Tech
O. 4 Tennessee State
O. 11 at Jacksonville State
O. 18 Samford
O. 25 at Eastern Illinois
N. 1 SE Missouri
N. 8 at Eastern Kentucky
N. 13 Murray State

TENNESSEE STATE (2-10)

Nashville, TN
A. 30 South Carolina State
S. 6 at Alabama A&M
S. 13 #Jackson State
S. 20 #Florida A&M
S. 27 Tennessee-Martin
O. 11 at Tennessee Tech
O. 18 Jacksonville State
O. 25 at Samford
N. 1 Eastern Illinois
N. 8 at SE Missouri
N. 15 Eastern Kentucky
N. 22 at Murray State
#Memphis, TN
#Atlanta, GA

TENNESSEE TECH (5-7)

Cookeville, TN
A. 30 at Memphis
S. 6 at Northern Illinois
S. 13 at Chattanooga
S. 27 Murray State
O. 4 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 11 Tennessee State
O. 25 at Jacksonville State
N. 1 Samford
N. 8 at Eastern Illinois
N. 15 SE Missouri
N. 22 at Eastern Kentucky

PATRIOT**BUCKNELL (2-9)**

Lewisburg, PA
A. 30 Duquesne
S. 6 at Delaware State
S. 20 at Cornell
S. 27 at Columbia
O. 4 at Fordham
O. 11 at Penn
O. 18 Towson
O. 25 at Colgate
N. 1 Holy Cross
N. 8 at Lafayette
N. 15 Lehigh
N. 22 Georgetown

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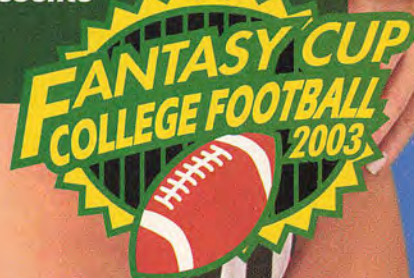
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COLGATE (9-3)

Hamilton, NY
S. 6 at Georgetown
S. 13 at Buffalo
S. 20 at Dartmouth
S. 27 Towson
O. 4 at Cornell
O. 11 at Princeton
O. 18 Yale
O. 25 Bucknell
N. 1 at Lafayette
N. 8 Lehigh
N. 15 Fordham
N. 22 at Holy Cross

FORDHAM (10-3)

Bronx, NY
A. 30 C.W. Post
S. 6 at Rhode Island
S. 13 at Lehigh
S. 20 Columbia
S. 27 Bucknell
O. 4 at Brown
O. 11 at New Haven
O. 18 at Lafayette
O. 25 at Georgetown
N. 1 Holy Cross
N. 8 at Colgate
N. 15 at Towson

GEORGETOWN (5-6)

Washington, DC
S. 6 Colgate
S. 13 at Holy Cross
S. 20 Monmouth
S. 27 at VMI
O. 4 at Lafayette
O. 11 Stony Brook
O. 18 at Cornell
O. 25 Lehigh
N. 1 at Fordham
N. 8 Towson
N. 15 Davidson
N. 22 at Bucknell

HOLY CROSS (4-8)

Worcester, MA
S. 6 at Lehigh
S. 13 Georgetown
S. 20 Harvard
S. 27 at San Diego
O. 4 Yale
O. 11 at Towson
O. 18 Dartmouth
O. 25 at Florida International
N. 1 at Bucknell
N. 8 at Fordham
N. 15 Lafayette
N. 22 Colgate

LAFAYETTE (7-5)

Easton, PA
S. 6 Marist
S. 13 at Towson
S. 27 Princeton
O. 4 Georgetown
O. 11 Columbia
O. 18 at Harvard
O. 25 Fordham
O. 25 Colgate
N. 8 Bucknell
N. 15 at Holy Cross
N. 22 at Lehigh

LEHIGH (8-4)

Bethlehem, PA
S. 6 Holy Cross
S. 13 Fordham
S. 20 at Princeton
S. 27 Penn
O. 4 at Connecticut
O. 11 St. Mary's
O. 25 at Georgetown
N. 1 Towson
N. 8 at Colgate
N. 15 at Bucknell
N. 22 Lafayette

TOWSON (6-5)

Towson, MD
A. 30 at Morgan State
S. 6 Lock Haven
S. 13 Lafayette
S. 20 at Yale
S. 27 at Colgate
O. 11 Holy Cross
O. 18 at Bucknell
O. 25 Elon
N. 1 at Lehigh
N. 8 at Georgetown
N. 15 Albany
N. 22 Fordham

PIONEER**AUSTIN PEAY (7-5)**

Clarksville, TN
A. 28 at Tennessee-Martin
S. 6 Campbellsville
S. 13 Valparaiso
S. 20 at Dayton
S. 27 Kentucky Wesleyan
O. 4 Butler
O. 11 at Morehead State
O. 18 Jacksonville
O. 25 at Davidson
N. 1 St. Joseph's (IN)
N. 8 at VMI

BUTLER (4-6)

Indianapolis, IN
S. 6 at Tiffin
S. 13 at Duquesne
S. 20 Davidson
S. 27 at Wisconsin-Stevens Point
O. 4 at Austin Peay
O. 11 St. Francis (IN)
O. 18 at Drake
O. 25 Dayton
N. 1 at San Diego
N. 8 Valparaiso
N. 15 St. Joseph's (IN)

DAVIDSON (7-3)

Davidson, NC
S. 6 VMI
S. 13 San Diego
S. 20 at Butler
S. 27 at Emory & Henry
O. 4 Dayton
O. 11 at Jacksonville
O. 19 at Morehead State
O. 25 Austin Peay
N. 8 Coastal Carolina
N. 15 at Georgetown

DAYTON (11-1)

Dayton, OH
A. 28 St. Joseph's (IN)
S. 6 at Morehead State
S. 20 Austin Peay
O. 4 at Davidson
O. 11 Valparaiso
O. 18 Tiffin
O. 25 at Butler
N. 1 at Drake
N. 8 San Diego

DRAKE (5-5)

Des Moines, IA
A. 28 at Illinois State
S. 7 William Penn
S. 13 Missouri-Rolla
S. 20 at Wisconsin-Platteville
S. 27 at Morehead State
O. 4 Jacksonville
O. 11 at San Diego
O. 18 Butler
O. 25 at Valparaiso
N. 1 Dayton
N. 8 St. Mary's
N. 15 Waldorf

JACKSONVILLE (3-7)

Jacksonville, FL
S. 6 at Lenoir-Rhyne
S. 13 Wingate
S. 20 Coastal Carolina
S. 27 Valparaiso
O. 4 at Drake
O. 11 Davidson
O. 18 at Austin Peay
O. 25 Morehead State
O. 30 at Florida International
N. 8 at SE Louisiana
N. 15 Webber International

MOREHEAD STATE (9-3)

Morehead, KY
S. 6 Dayton
S. 13 at Coastal Carolina
S. 20 at Appalachian State
S. 27 Drake
O. 4 at Valparaiso
O. 11 Austin Peay
O. 19 Davidson
O. 25 at Jacksonville
N. 1 Duquesne

SAN DIEGO (5-5)

San Diego, CA
S. 6 Azusa Pacific
S. 13 at Davidson
S. 20 La Verne
S. 27 Holy Cross
O. 4 Southern Oregon
O. 11 Drake
O. 18 Valparaiso
O. 25 Marist
N. 1 Butler
N. 8 at Dayton

VALPARAISO (1-10)

Valparaiso, IN
A. 30 at Murray State
S. 6 Wisconsin-Lutheran
S. 13 at Austin Peay
S. 20 St. Francis (PA)
S. 27 at Jacksonville
O. 4 Morehead State
O. 11 at Dayton
O. 18 at San Diego
O. 25 Drake
N. 8 at Butler
N. 15 at Aurora

SOUTHERN**APPALACHIAN STATE (8-4)**

Boone, NC
A. 30 at Hawaii
S. 6 at Eastern Kentucky
S. 20 Morehead State
S. 27 at The Citadel
O. 4 East Tennessee State
O. 11 at Furman
O. 18 Georgia Southern
O. 25 at Wofford
N. 1 Chattanooga
N. 8 at Elon
N. 15 Western Carolina

CHATTANOOGA (2-10)

Chattanooga, TN
A. 28 Samford
S. 6 at Vanderbilt
S. 13 Tennessee Tech
S. 20 at Gardner-Webb
S. 27 at Georgia Southern
O. 4 Wofford
O. 18 at Elon
O. 25 Western Carolina
N. 1 at Appalachian State
N. 8 The Citadel
N. 15 at East Tennessee State
N. 22 Furman

EAST TENN. STATE (4-8)

Johnson City, TN
A. 28 at Eastern Michigan
S. 6 Concord
S. 11 at Tennessee-Martin
S. 20 at Elon
S. 27 Western Carolina
O. 4 at Appalachian State
O. 18 Liberty
O. 25 at Furman
N. 1 Georgia Southern
N. 8 at Wofford
N. 15 Chattanooga
N. 22 The Citadel

ELON (4-7)

Elon, NC
A. 30 at Furman
S. 6 Tusculum
S. 13 at Hofstra
S. 20 East Tennessee State
S. 27 North Carolina A&T
O. 4 at The Citadel
O. 11 at Wofford
O. 18 Chattanooga
O. 25 at Towson
N. 1 at Western Carolina
N. 8 Appalachian State
N. 15 Georgia Southern

FURMAN (8-4)

Greenville, SC
A. 30 Elon
S. 6 at Clemson
S. 20 Richmond
S. 27 at Gardner-Webb
O. 4 at Western Carolina
O. 11 Appalachian State
O. 18 at The Citadel
O. 25 East Tennessee State
N. 8 at Georgia Southern
N. 15 Wofford
N. 22 at Chattanooga

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (11-3)

Statesboro, GA
S. 6 Savannah State
S. 13 at McNeese State
S. 20 at Wofford
S. 27 Chattanooga
O. 4 Florida International
O. 11 Western Carolina
O. 18 at Appalachian State
O. 25 The Citadel
N. 1 at East Tennessee State
N. 8 Furman
N. 15 at Elon

THE CITADEL (3-9)

Charleston, SC
A. 30 Charleston Southern
S. 6 at Delaware
S. 13 at Maryland
S. 20 at Western Carolina
S. 27 Appalachian State
O. 4 Elon
O. 18 Furman
O. 25 at Georgia Southern
N. 1 Wofford
N. 8 at Chattanooga
N. 15 VMI
N. 22 at East Tennessee State
Charlotte, NC

WESTERN CAROLINA (5-6)

Cullowhee, NC
A. 30 at NC State
S. 6 at Duke
S. 13 Johnson C. Smith
S. 20 The Citadel
S. 27 at East Tennessee State
O. 4 Furman
O. 11 at Georgia Southern
O. 18 Wofford
O. 25 at Chattanooga
N. 1 Elon
N. 15 at Appalachian State
N. 22 Gardner-Webb

WOFFORD (9-3)

Spartanburg, SC
A. 30 at Air Force
S. 6 at North Carolina State
S. 20 Georgia Southern
S. 27 Catawba
O. 4 at Chattanooga
O. 11 Elon
O. 18 at Western Carolina
O. 25 Appalachian State
N. 1 at The Citadel
N. 8 East Tennessee State
N. 15 at Furman

SOUTHLAND**MCNEESE STATE (13-2)**

Lake Charles, LA
A. 30 Henderson State
S. 6 at Kansas State
S. 13 Georgia Southern
S. 20 at Grambling
O. 4 at SE Louisiana
O. 18 at Southern Utah
O. 25 Sam Houston State
N. 1 at SW Texas State
N. 8 Stephen F. Austin
N. 15 Northwestern State
N. 22 at Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE (7-4)

Thibodaux, LA
A. 28 Bethel College
S. 6 at South Florida
S. 13 at Portland State
S. 20 at Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 27 Texas Southern
O. 11 at Florida Atlantic
O. 25 at Northwestern State
N. 1 Sam Houston State
N. 6 SW Texas State
N. 15 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 22 McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN STATE (9-4)

Natchitoches, LA
A. 30 Jackson State
S. 6 at Tulane
S. 13 Delaware State
S. 20 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 27 at Northern Iowa
O. 4 Oklahoma Panhandle St.
O. 11 SE Louisiana
O. 18 at SW Texas State
O. 25 Nicholls State
N. 8 at Sam Houston State
N. 15 at McNeese State
N. 22 Stephen F. Austin

SAM HOUSTON (4-7)

Huntsville, TX
S. 6 Midwestern State
S. 13 at Montana
S. 20 at Baylor
S. 27 at UTEP
O. 4 Tarleton State
O. 18 Stephen F. Austin
O. 25 at McNeese State
N. 1 at Nicholls State
N. 8 Northwestern State
N. 15 Northern Arizona
N. 22 at SW Texas State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (6-5)

Nacogdoches, TX
S. 6 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 13 at Southern Utah
S. 18 Northern Iowa
S. 27 Alcorn State
O. 4 Portland State
O. 9 at Florida International
O. 18 at Sam Houston State
O. 25 SW Texas State
N. 8 at McNeese State
N. 15 Nicholls State
N. 22 at Northwestern State

SW TEXAS STATE (4-7)

San Marcos, TX
A. 30 at New Mexico
S. 6 Angelo State
S. 13 at Tulsa
S. 20 UC-Davis
S. 27 SE Louisiana
O. 4 at Florida Atlantic
O. 11 at Southern Utah
O. 18 Northwestern State
O. 25 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 1 McNeese State
N. 6 at Nicholls State
N. 22 Sam Houston State

SWAC**ALABAMA A&M (8-4)**

Huntsville, AL
A. 30 Jacksonville State
S. 6 Tennessee State
S. 13 Grambling
S. 20 at Mississippi Valley State
S. 27 at Prairie View A&M
O. 4 Texas Southern
O. 11 at Southern
O. 18 Savannah State
O. 25 Alabama State
N. 8 Jackson State
N. 15 at Alcorn State
N. 22 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
#Shreveport, LA
#Augusta, GA
#Birmingham, AL
#Normal, AL

ALABAMA STATE (6-6)

Montgomery, AL
A. 30 Florida A&M
S. 13 Alcorn State
S. 20 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 27 at Southern
O. 11 at Jackson State
O. 18 Prairie View A&M
O. 25 Alabama A&M
N. 8 Grambling
N. 15 at Mississippi Valley State
N. 22 at Texas Southern
N. 27 Tuskegee
#Detroit, MI
#Mobile, AL
#Birmingham, AL

ALCORN STATE (6-5)

Lorman, MS
A. 30 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 6 Grambling
S. 13 Alabama State
S. 27 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 4 at Fort Valley State
O. 11 Prairie View A&M
O. 18 at Texas Southern
O. 25 at Southern
N. 1 SE Louisiana
N. 8 Mississippi Valley State
N. 15 Alabama A&M
N. 22 at Jackson State
#Mobile, AL

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (3-8)

Pine Bluff, AR
A. 30 Alcorn State
S. 6 Mississippi Valley State
S. 11 at Central Arkansas
S. 20 Alabama State
S. 27 Kentucky State
O. 4 at Southern
O. 11 Texas Southern
O. 18 Grambling
N. 1 at Jackson State
N. 8 Prairie View A&M
N. 22 Alabama A&M
#St. Louis, MO
#San Antonio, TX
#Normal, AL

GRAMBLING (11-2)

Grambling, LA
A. 23 at San Jose State
S. 6 at Alcorn State
S. 13 Alabama A&M
S. 20 McNeese State
O. 4 Prairie View A&M
O. 11 Mississippi Valley State
O. 18 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 25 at Jackson State
N. 1 Texas Southern
N. 8 at Alabama State
N. 15 Savannah State
N. 29 Southern
#Shreveport, LA
#Dallas, TX
#New Orleans, LA

JACKSON STATE (7-4)

Jackson, MS
A. 30 at Northwestern State
S. 6 North Carolina A&T
S. 13 Tennessee State
S. 20 at Texas Southern
S. 27 at Mississippi Valley State
O. 4 Florida A&M
O. 11 Alabama State
O. 18 Southern
O. 25 Grambling
N. 1 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 8 at Alabama A&M
N. 22 Alcorn State
#Memphis, TN
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MISS. VALLEY ST. (5-6)

Itta Bena, MS
A. 30 Southern
S. 6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 13 at Delta State
S. 20 Alabama A&M
S. 27 Jackson State
O. 11 at Grambling
O. 18 at Paul Quinn
O. 25 Texas Southern
N. 1 at Prairie View A&M
N. 8 at Alcorn State
N. 15 Alabama State

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1-10)

Prairie View, TX
A. 30 at Texas Southern
S. 6 at Southern
S. 13 Paul Quinn
S. 27 Alabama A&M
O. 4 Grambling
O. 11 at Alcorn State
O. 18 at Alabama State
O. 25 Texas College
N. 1 Mississippi Valley State
N. 8 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 15 at SE Louisiana
#Dallas, TX
#San Antonio, TX

SOUTHERN (6-6)

Baton Rouge, LA
A. 30 at Mississippi Valley State
S. 6 Prairie View A&M
S. 13 North Carolina A&T
S. 27 Alabama State
O. 4 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 11 Alabama A&M
O. 18 at Jackson State
O. 25 Alcorn State
N. 8 Lincoln (MO)
N. 15 at Texas Southern
N. 29 Grambling
#Las Vegas, NV
#New Orleans, LA

TEXAS SOUTHERN (4-7)

Houston, TX
A. 30 Prairie View A&M
S. 6 Howard
S. 20 Jackson State
S. 27 at Nicholls State
O. 4 at Alabama A&M
O. 11 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 18 Alcorn State
O. 25 at Mississippi Valley State
N. 1 at Grambling
N. 15 Southern
N. 22 Alabama State

I-AA Independents**CAL POLY (3-8)**

San Luis Obispo, CA
S. 6 at UTEP
S. 13 Sacramento State
S. 20 Montana State
S. 27 at Northern Arizona
O. 4 at Montana
O. 11 at Akron
O. 18 St. Mary's
N. 1 Southern Utah
N. 8 at UC Davis
N. 15 Idaho State
N. 22 Humboldt State

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (2-9)

Boca Raton, FL
A. 28 at Middle Tennessee St.
S. 6 Valdosta State
S. 13 at UCF
S. 20 at Youngstown State
S. 27 at Illinois State
O. 4 SW Texas State
O. 11 Nicholls State
O. 18 Northern Colorado
N. 1 Gardner-Webb
N. 15 Siena
N. 22 at Florida International

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (5-6)

Miami, FL
S. 6 at Indiana State
S. 13 at Maine
S. 20 Bethune-Cookman
S. 27 Carson-Newman
O. 4 at Georgia Southern
O. 9 Stephen F. Austin
O. 18 at Troy State
O. 25 Holy Cross
O. 30 Jacksonville
O. 8 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 15 at Gardner-Webb
N. 22 Florida Atlantic

SAVANNAH STATE (1-9)

Savannah, GA
A. 30 Bethune-Cookman
S. 6 at Georgia Southern
S. 13 at Norfolk State
S. 20 South Carolina State
S. 27 Howard
O. 4 Albany State
O. 18 Alabama A&M
O. 25 Coastal Carolina
N. 1 Morgan State
N. 8 Edward Waters
N. 15 at Grambling
N. 22 at Hampton
#Jacksonville, FL
#Charleston, SC
#Augusta, GA

SOUTHERN UTAH (1-10)

Cedar City, UT
A. 30 at Nevada
S. 6 at Weber State
S. 13 Stephen F. Austin
S. 20 at Eastern Washington
O. 4 Western Oregon
O. 11 SW Texas State
O. 18 McNeese State
N. 1 at Cal Poly
N. 8 Northern Colorado
N. 15 at St. Mary's
N. 22 at Idaho State

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (0-0)

Hammond, LA
A. 30 Arkansas-Monticello
S. 4 Lambuth
S. 13 at Henderson State
S. 20 at Troy State
S. 27 at SW Texas State
O. 4 McNeese State
O. 11 at Northwestern State
O. 18 Webber International
O. 25 at St. Mary's
N. 1 at Alcorn State
N. 8 Jacksonville
N. 15 Prairie View A&M

ST. MARY'S (6-6)

Moraga, CA
A. 30 at Northern Arizona
S. 6 at Sacramento State
S. 13 Humboldt State
S. 27 at Western Washington
O. 4 Montana State
O. 11 at Lehigh
O. 18 at Cal Poly
O. 25 SE Louisiana
N. 1 UC Davis
N. 15 Southern Utah
N. 22 Weber State

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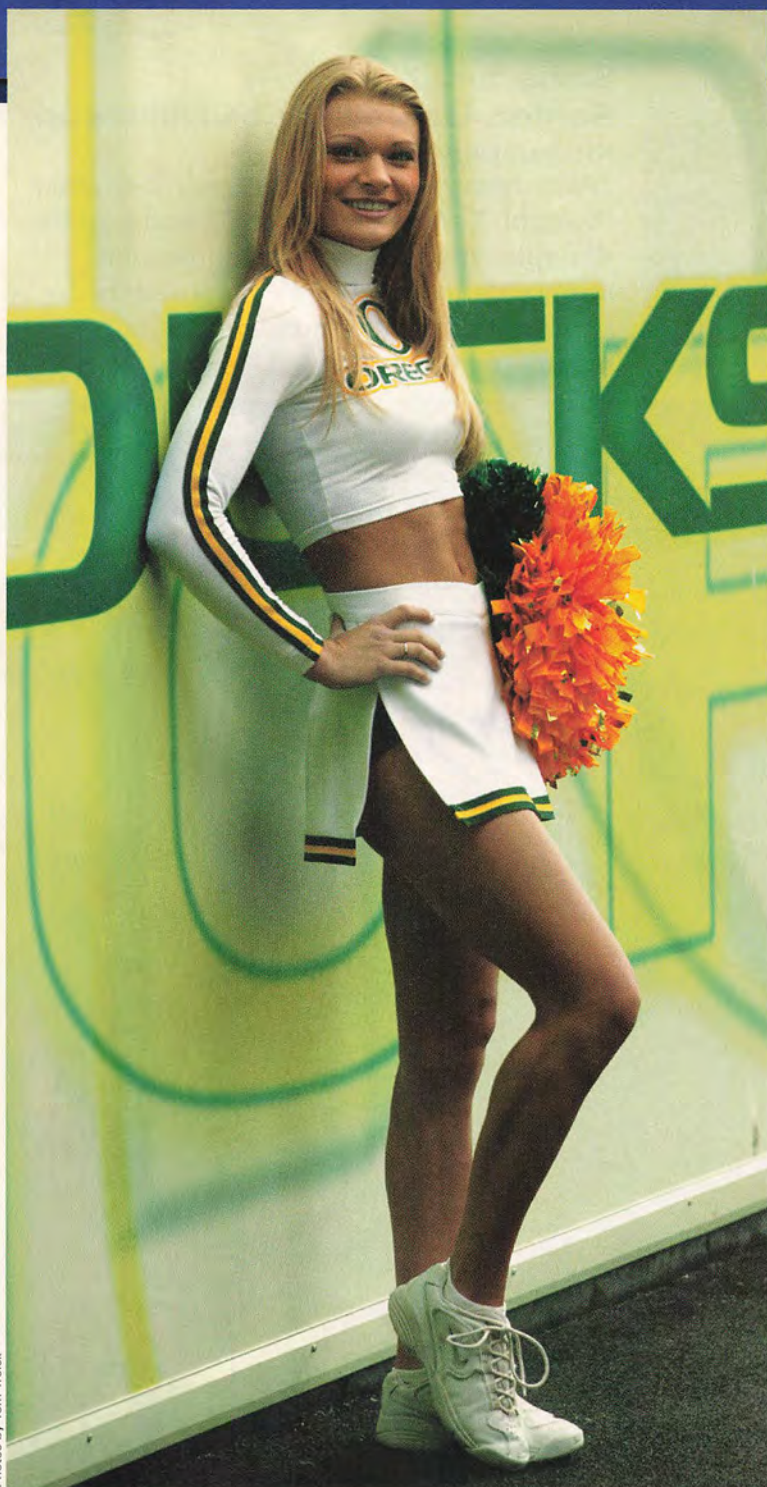
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**Communication Disorders/
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Elementary Education Major

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Safia Saleh

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Kinesiology Major**

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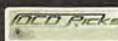
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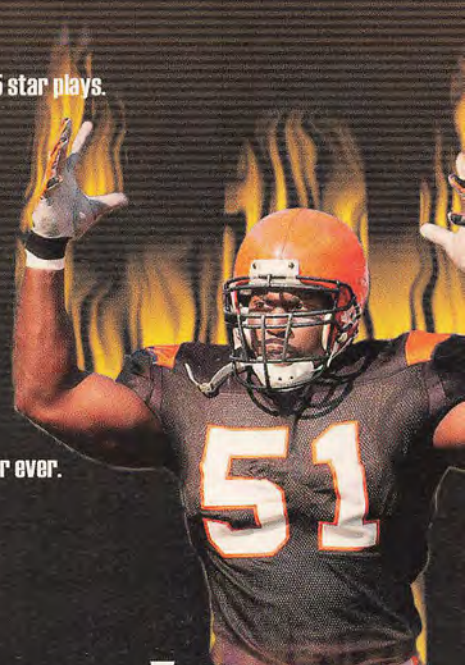
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Top 100 Freshmen of 2003

Player	POS.	HT.	WT.	Hometown	School	Player	POS.	HT.	WT.	Hometown	School
1. Kyle Wright	QB	6'4"	200	Danville, CA	Miami	51. David Patterson	DL	6'3"	260	Warrensville Heights, OH	Ohio State
2. Ernie Sims	LB	6'0"	220	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State	52. Carnell Stewart	DL	6'5"	285	River Ridge, LA	LSU
3. Reggie Bush	RB	6'0"	190	Spring Valley, CA	USC	53. Daryl Johnson	DB	6'2"	195	New Orleans, LA	LSU
4. Tony Hills Jr.	TE	6'6"	260	Houston, TX	Texas	54. Daniel Brooks	LB	6'3"	230	Jackson, TN	Tennessee
5. JaMarcus Russell	QB	6'5"	230	Mobile, AL	LSU	55. Bryan Pata	DL	6'4"	260	Miami, FL	Miami
6. Whitney Lewis	WR	6'1"	220	Oxnard, CA	USC	56. Quinton Culbertson	DB	6'0"	210	Jackson, MS	Mississippi State
7. Prescott Burgess	DB	6'4"	215	Warren, OH	Michigan	57. Amp Hill	WR	6'3"	190	Jacksonville, FL	LSU
8. Nate Robinson	DL	6'5"	315	Irvington, NJ	Miami	58. John Sullivan	OL	6'4"	280	Old Greenwich, CT	Notre Dame
9. Lamarr Woodley	LB	6'3"	250	Saginaw, MI	Michigan	59. Ryan Harris	OL	6'5"	255	St. Paul, MN	Notre Dame
10. Antonio Cromartie	DB	6'3"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State	60. Ian Yates Cunningham	OL	6'6"	309	Plano, TX	Virginia
11. Andre Caldwell	WR	6'2"	188	Tampa, FL	Florida	61. Tim Washington	DL	6'4"	245	Stafford, TX	LSU
12. Eric Young	OL	6'5"	270	Union, SC	Tennessee	62. Chauncey Washington	RB	6'1"	205	Torrance, CA	USC
13. Mike Jones	OL	6'5"	306	Oak Lawn, IL	Iowa	63. Victor Abiamiri	DL	6'5"	245	Randallstown, MD	Notre Dame
14. Jorrie Adams	OL	6'7"	275	Jasper, TX	Texas A&M	64. Justin Midgett	QB	6'3"	180	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida
15. Donte Whitner	DB	5'11"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State	65. Ryan Watson	DL	6'3"	285	La Place, LA	USC
16. Lawrence Dampleer	DL	6'3"	280	Decatur, IL	Oklahoma	66. Justin Ostrowski	DL	6'5"	255	Portage, WI	Wisconsin
17. Greg Olsen	TE	6'6"	245	Wayne, NJ	Notre Dame	67. Barrington Edwards	RB	6'0"	205	Bowie, MD	LSU
18. Earl Everett	LB	6'2"	210	Webster, FL	Florida	68. Jayson Swain	WR	6'2"	205	Huntsville, AL	Tennessee
19. Chris Leak	QB	6'1"	205	Charlotte, NC	Florida	69. Dennis Dixon	QB	6'4"	181	San Leandro, CA	Oregon
20. Ofa Moheatau	OL	6'3"	320	Eules, TX	BYU	70. Dwayne Bowe	WR	6'4"	205	Miami, FL	LSU
21. Tarell Brown	DB	6'0"	180	Mesquite, TX	Texas	71. Akim Millington	OL	6'6"	300	Wheaton, IL	Oklahoma
22. Wesley Jefferson	LB	6'2"	231	Clinton, MD	Maryland	72. Mark Bradford	WR	6'2"	190	Los Angeles, CA	Stanford
23. Chad Jackson	WR	6'1"	200	Hoover, AL	Florida	73. Noah Whiteside	WR	6'0"	170	Greenville, SC	South Carolina
24. Kregg Lumpkin	RB	6'1"	200	Lithonia, GA	Georgia	74. Leon Hall	DB	6'0"	170	Vista, CA	Michigan
25. Michael Bush	QB	6'3"	230	Louisville, KY	Louisville	75. Fred Sparkman	LB	6'2"	215	Columbia, TN	North Carolina
26. Brandon Owens	DB	6'2"	195	Delray Beach, FL	Minnesota	76. Omarr Conner	QB	6'0"	205	Macon, MS	Mississippi State
27. Demetrice Webb	DB	5'11"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida	77. Reggie Nelson	DB	6'0"	185	Melbourne, FL	Florida
28. Jordy Lipsey	OL	6'3"	272	Longwood, FL	Virginia	78. Vernon Davis	TE	6'4"	225	Washington, DC	Maryland
29. Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	DL	6'3"	305	Duncanville, TX	Oklahoma State	79. Jake Long	OL	6'6"	290	Lampeer, MI	Michigan
30. Robert Lane	QB	6'3"	220	Monroe, LA	Ole Miss	80. Justin Warren	LB	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX	Texas A&M
31. Steve Smith	WR	6'1"	190	Canoga Park, CA	USC	81. Erik Hardeman	RB	6'1"	220	Pflugerville, TX	Texas
32. Robert Meachem	WR	6'3"	200	Tulsa, OK	Tennessee	82. Tim Crowder	DL	6'4"	235	Tyler, TX	Texas
33. Lawrence Jackson	DL	6'5"	250	Inglewood, CA	USC	83. Drew Radovich	OL	6'5"	280	Mission Viejo, CA	USC
34. Jarvis Moss	DL	6'7"	220	Denton, TX	Florida	84. Zeb McKinze	OL	6'3"	290	Lilburn, GA	Georgia
35. Paul Oliver	DB	6'0"	185	Kennesaw, GA	Georgia	85. Andrew Bain	OL	6'4"	320	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami
36. Sean Bailey	WR	6'1"	170	Alpharetta, GA	Georgia	86. Doug Van Dyke	DL	6'4"	240	Marshall, MI	Purdue
37. Mario Williams	DL	6'6"	250	Richlands, NC	NC State	87. Brandon Maupin	DL	6'6"	270	West Chester, OH	Ohio State
38. Turk McBride	DL	6'4"	235	Camden, NJ	Tennessee	88. T.C. Ostrander	QB	6'3"	210	Atherton, CA	Stanford
39. Tyrone Moss	RB	5'10"	210	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami	89. Bill Foran	QB	6'1"	205	Dallas, TX	Purdue
40. Tony Cade	DB	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma	90. Jerry Sevin	OL	6'4"	295	River Ridge, LA	LSU
41. Marcus Thomas	DL	6'4"	285	Jacksonville, FL	Florida	91. LeRon McClain	RB	6'1"	240	Northport, AL	Alabama
42. Kirston Pittman	DL	6'4"	245	Reserve, LA	LSU	92. Tom Zbikowski	DB	6'0"	185	Arlington Heights, IL	Notre Dame
43. Joe Thomas	OL	6'8"	260	Brookfield, WI	Wisconsin	93. Freddie Parrish	DB	6'1"	195	Redondo Beach, CA	Notre Dame
44. William Paul	DL	6'4"	252	Chesterfield, MO	Michigan	94. Tony Gonzales	DB	6'0"	187	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
45. Louis Irizarry	TE	6'5"	235	Youngstown, OH	Ohio State	95. Kyle Caldwell	DL	6'4"	260	Scottsdale, AZ	Arizona State
46. Tommy Grady	QB	6'6"	220	Huntington Beach, CA	Oklahoma	96. Sedrick Ellis	DL	6'2"	280	Chino, CA	USC
47. Joe Cohen	RB	6'2"	250	Melbourne, FL	Florida	97. James Presley	LB	6'2"	220	Milford, MI	Michigan
48. Chris Barrett	DL	6'5"	250	Tustin, CA	USC	98. Isaiah Thomas	DL	6'4"	305	Winston-Salem, NC	North Carolina
49. Robert Killebrew	LB	6'2"	210	Spring, TX	Texas	99. Sam Baker	OL	6'5"	315	Tustin, CA	USC
50. Dareus Hiley	DB	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State	100. Demetris Summers	RB	6'1"	205	Lexington, SC	South Carolina

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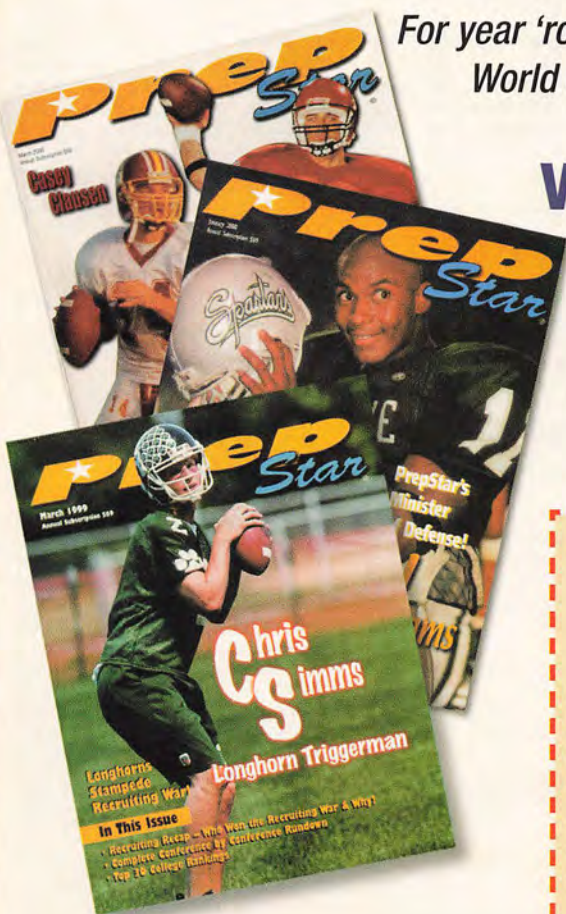
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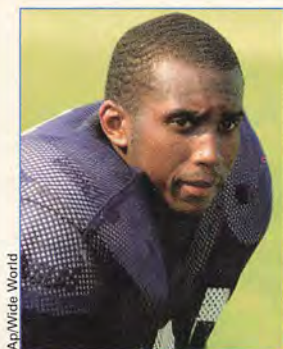
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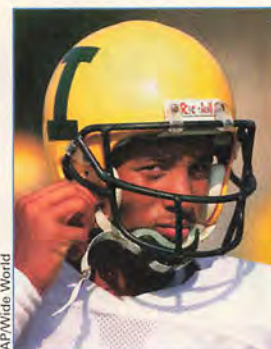




Tony Hills Jr., Texas



Ernie Sims, Florida State



Chris Leak, Florida

ACC Rankings

1. NC STATE
2. NORTH CAROLINA
3. FLORIDA STATE
4. VIRGINIA
5. MARYLAND

6. CLEMSON
7. GEORGIA TECH
8. WAKE FOREST
9. DUKE

1. Ernie Sims	LB	6'0"	220	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
2. Antonio Cromartie	DB	6'3"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
3. Wesley Jefferson	LB	6'2"	231	Clinton, MD	Maryland
4. Jordy Lipsey	OL	6'3"	272	Longwood, FL	Virginia
5. Mario Williams	DL	6'6"	250	Richlands, NC	NC State
6. Ian-Yates Cunningham	OL	6'6"	309	Plano, TX	Virginia
7. Fred Sparkman	LB	6'2"	215	Columbia, TN	North Carolina
8. Vernon Davis	TE	6'4"	225	Washington, DC	Maryland
9. Isaiah Thomas	DL	6'4"	305	Winston-Salem, NC	North Carolina
10. Darrell Blackman	RB	6'1"	200	Williamsport, PA	NC State
11. Kenny Scott	DB	6'1"	175	Daytona Beach, FL	Georgia Tech
12. Rashaun Grant	RB	5'11"	190	Tampa, FL	Georgia Tech
13. DeCody Fagg	WR	6'3"	185	Quincy, FL	Florida State
14. Adarius Bowman	WR	6'4"	205	Chattanooga, TN	North Carolina
15. Maurice Nelson	DB	6'1"	205	Sumter, SC	Clemson
16. Philip Brown	DB	5'11"	190	Hampton, VA	Virginia
17. Jamesley Jean	TE	6'5"	220	Tampa, FL	NC State
18. Terry Hunter	DL	6'4"	245	Wendell, NC	North Carolina
19. Mike Mason	WR	6'0"	180	Rocky Mount, NC	North Carolina
20. Miguel Scott	DB	6'1"	180	Miami, FL	NC State

Big East Rankings

1. MIAMI
2. VIRGINIA TECH
3. BOSTON COLLEGE
4. WEST VIRGINIA

5. PITTSBURGH
6. SYRACUSE
7. RUTGERS
8. TEMPLE

1. Kyle Wright	QB	6'4"	200	Danville, CA	Miami
2. Nate Robinson	DL	6'5"	315	Irvington, NJ	Miami
3. Tyrone Moss	RB	5'10"	210	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami
4. Bryan Pata	DL	6'4"	260	Miami, FL	Miami
5. Andrew Bain	OL	6'4"	320	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami
6. Devin Hester	WR	5'11"	168	Riviera Beach, FL	Miami
7. Willie Cooper	DB	6'1"	190	St. Augustine, FL	Miami
8. Jon Beason	DB	6'1"	206	Miramar, FL	Miami
9. Vince Hall	LB	6'1"	240	Chesapeake, VA	Virginia Tech
10. Michael Hinton	DB	6'3"	200	Burlington, NC	Virginia Tech
11. Vegas Franklin	DL	6'3"	235	Reserve, LA	Miami
12. Tavares Gooden	LB	6'1"	220	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Miami
13. Xavier Adibi	LB	6'3"	215	Hampton, VA	Virginia Tech
14. Trey Koziol	TE	6'5"	240	Hinsdale, IL	Boston College
15. Chris Ellis	DL	6'4"	245	Hampton, VA	Virginia Tech
16. Gosder Cherilus	OL	6'7"	275	Somerville, MA	Boston College
17. Fernandez McDowell	DB	6'3"	200	Kenner, LA	West Virginia
18. Andre Callender	RB	5'11"	190	Roselle, NJ	Boston College
19. Tripp Carroll	OL	6'4"	290	Jacksonville, FL	Virginia Tech
20. Matt Welsh	OL	6'5"	280	Clifton, VA	Virginia Tech

Big Ten Rankings

1. MICHIGAN
2. OHIO STATE
3. ILLINOIS
4. PURDUE
5. WISCONSIN
6. IOWA

7. PENN STATE
8. MICHIGAN STATE
9. MINNESOTA
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. INDIANA

1. Prescott Burgess	DB	6'4"	215	Warren, OH	Michigan
2. Lamarr Woodley	LB	6'3"	250	Saginaw, MI	Michigan
3. Mike Jones	OL	6'5"	306	Oak Lawn, IL	Iowa
4. Donté Whitner	DB	5'11"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
5. Brandon Owens	DB	6'2"	195	Delray Beach, FL	Minnesota
6. Joe Thomas	OL	6'8"	260	Brookfield, WI	Wisconsin
7. William Paul	DL	6'4"	252	Chesterfield, MO	Michigan
8. Louis Irizarry	TE	6'5"	235	Youngstown, OH	Ohio State
9. Dareus Hiley	DB	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
10. David Patterson	DL	6'3"	260	Warrensville Heights, OH	Ohio State
11. Justin Ostrowski	DL	6'5"	255	Portage, WI	Wisconsin
12. Leon Hall	DB	6'1"	170	Vista, CA	Michigan
13. Jake Long	OL	6'6"	290	Lapeer, MI	Michigan
14. Doug Van Dyke	DL	6'4"	240	Marshall, MI	Purdue
15. Brandon Maupin	DL	6'6"	270	West Chester, OH	Ohio State
16. Bill Foran	QB	6'1"	205	Dallas, TX	Purdue
17. Tony Gonzales	DB	6'0"	187	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
18. James Presley	LB	6'2"	220	Milford, MI	Michigan
19. Marcel Frost	DE	6'5"	235	Lyndhurst, OH	Ohio State
20. Austin Scott	RB	6'1"	205	Allentown, PA	Penn State

Big 12 Rankings

1. OKLAHOMA
2. TEXAS A&M
3. TEXAS
4. COLORADO
5. NEBRASKA
6. KANSAS STATE

7. OKLAHOMA STATE
8. TEXAS TECH
9. KANSAS
10. MISSOURI
11. IOWA STATE
12. BAYLOR

1. Tony Hills Jr.	TE	6'6"	260	Houston, TX	Texas
2. Jorrie Adams	OL	6'7"	275	Jasper, TX	Texas A&M
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5. Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	DL	6'3"	305	Duncanville, TX	Oklahoma State
6. Tony Cade	DB	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma
7. Tommy Grady	QB	6'6"	220	Huntington Beach, CA	Oklahoma
8. Robert Killebrew	LB	6'2"	210	Spring, TX	Texas
9. Akim Millington	OL	6'6"	300	Wheaton, IL	Oklahoma
10. Justin Warren	LB	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX	Texas A&M
11. Erik Hardeman	RB	6'1"	220	Pflugerville, TX	Texas
12. Tim Crowder	DL	6'4"	235	Tyler, TX	Texas
13. Demario Pleasant	LB	6'3"	210	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma
14. Dominique Brooks	DB	6'2"	195	Mesquite, TX	Colorado
15. Joey Thomas	TE	6'6"	225	Austin, TX	Texas A&M
16. Billy Pittman	ATH	6'0"	180	Cameron, TX	Texas
17. Dane Zaslaw	LB	6'2"	241	Edmond, OK	Oklahoma
18. Josh Mueller	TE	6'6"	250	Columbus, NE	Nebraska
19. Jason Jack	DL	6'3"	280	Humble, TX	Texas A&M
20. Tyrell Gatewood	WR	6'2"	190	Tyler, TX	Texas

Top 50 Recruiting Class of 2003

C-USA Rankings

1. LSU	26. VIRGINIA TECH
2. USC	27. STANFORD
3. FLORIDA	28. OKLAHOMA STATE
4. MIAMI	29. ARIZONA STATE
5. OKLAHOMA	30. TEXAS TECH
6. GEORGIA	31. OREGON
7. NOTRE DAME	32. MARYLAND
8. TEXAS A&M	33. CLEMSON
9. TENNESSEE	34. OLE MISS
10. NC STATE	35. UCLA
11. AUBURN	36. ILLINOIS
12. TEXAS	37. PURDUE
13. MICHIGAN	38. ARIZONA
14. NORTH CAROLINA	39. ALABAMA
15. SOUTH CAROLINA	40. KANSAS
16. FLORIDA STATE	41. WISCONSIN
17. OHIO STATE	42. GEORGIA TECH
18. MISSISSIPPI STATE	43. BOSTON COLLEGE
19. VIRGINIA	44. MISSOURI
20. CALIFORNIA	45. IOWA
21. COLORADO	46. WEST VIRGINIA
22. WASHINGTON	47. LOUISVILLE
23. NEBRASKA	48. PITTSBURGH
24. KANSAS STATE	49. HOUSTON
25. ARKANSAS	50. WAKE FOREST

1. LOUISVILLE	7. MEMPHIS
2. HOUSTON	8. TCU
3. UAB	9. CINCINNATI
4. TULANE	10. ARMY
5. SOUTHERN MISS	11. SOUTH FLORIDA
6. EAST CAROLINA	

1. Michael Bush	QB	6'3"	230	Louisville, KY	Louisville
2. B.J. Vickers	WR	6'3"	212	Los Angeles, CA	Louisville
3. James Battle	QB	6'1"	200	Denton, TX	TCU
4. Quintin Williams	LB	6'2"	225	Memphis, TN	Memphis
5. Antwan Giddens	WR	6'5"	190	Garden City, CA	Louisville
6. Chase McCoy	TE	6'4"	245	Tulsa, OK	Army
7. Terry Arnold	RB	5'10"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Cincinnati
8. Ricky Wilson	DB	5'10"	180	Port Arthur, TX	Houston
9. John Harrell	DL	6'2"	285	Stephenville, TX	Houston
10. Eddie Miller	QB	6'0"	195	Marina Del Ray, CA	Louisville
11. Anthony Alridge	RB	5'10"	165	Denton, TX	Houston
12. Davell Lauder	DL	6'3"	255	Houston, TX	Houston
13. Kevin Kolb	QB	6'3"	230	Stephenville, TX	Houston
14. Elijah Robinson	DL	6'3"	260	Camden, NJ	Tulane
15. Billy Harrison	DL	6'4"	220	Pensacola, FL	Tulane
16. Will Oliver	OL	6'3"	275	Lindale, TX	TCU
17. Richard Irvin	QB	6'2"	185	Santa Monica, CA	Tulane
18. Alton Widemon	DB	5'10"	175	Lindale, TX	Tulane
19. William Gay	DB	6'0"	175	Tallahassee, FL	Louisville
20. Thomas Miller	DB	6'3"	200	Palm Bay, FL	Louisville

MAC Rankings

Mountain West Rankings

1. UCF	8. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS	9. AKRON
3. TOLEDO	10. OHIO
4. MARSHALL	11. KENT STATE
5. WESTERN MICHIGAN	12. BUFFALO
6. MIAMI	13. EASTERN MICHIGAN
7. BOWLING GREEN	14. BALL STATE

1. SAN DIEGO STATE	5. UNLV
2. BYU	6. NEW MEXICO
3. COLORADO STATE	7. WYOMING
4. UTAH	8. AIR FORCE

1. Mike Walker	WR	6'2"	182	Orlando, FL	UCF
2. Chris Narsesian	WR	6'0"	188	Oviedo, FL	UCF
3. Steven Moffett	QB	6'3"	190	Winter Park, FL	UCF
4. Scooter McDougale	RB	6'1"	220	E. Cleveland, OH	Toledo
5. Greg Owens	RB	5'10"	205	Chicago, IL	No. Illinois
6. Ron Williams	RB	6'0"	205	Boynton Beach, FL	UCF
7. Gregory Hutcherson	WR	6'3"	185	Vandergrift, PA	Bowling Green
8. Brandon Murphy	RB	5'8"	190	Strongsville, OH	Miami
9. Anthony Rogers	LB	6'1"	240	Saginaw, MI	C. Michigan
10. James Blair	DL	6'4"	320	Detroit, MI	W. Michigan
11. John Inman	OL	6'5"	310	Knoxville, TN	Marshall
12. Tyson DeVree	TE	6'6"	215	Hudsonville, MI	W. Michigan
13. Ron Ellis	CB	5'11"	173	Palm Bay, FL	UCF
14. John Ferguson	QB	6'6"	220	Reynoldsburg, OH	Akron
15. Cas Prime	RB	6'2"	215	Janesville, WI	No. Illinois
16. Josh Powell	TE	6'5"	240	Wyandotte, MI	Toledo
17. Renford Parkes	DB	5'11"	198	Titusville, FL	UCF
18. Jared Evans	OL	6'3"	290	Indianapolis, IN	Miami
19. Mike Merritt	TE	6'3"	244	West Palm Beach, FL	UCF
20. Taj Henley	LB	6'1"	203	Richmond, VA	OHIO

1. Ofa Mohetau	OL	6'3"	320	Eules, TX	BYU
2. Lynell Hamilton	RB	6'1"	215	Stockton, CA	San Diego State
3. Brian Soi	DL	6'4"	295	Provo, UT	BYU
4. John Nichols	LB	6'2"	210	Bellflower, CA	Colorado State
5. Lee Martin	LB	6'1"	200	Simi Valley, CA	San Diego State
6. Brett Martin	LB	6'0"	215	Corona, CA	San Diego State
7. Jonathan Harrell	WR	6'2"	200	Everman, TX	New Mexico
8. Jason Speredon	OL	6'5"	275	West Valley City, UT	BYU
9. Marcus Johnson	ATH	6'4"	220	Los Angeles, CA	UNLV
10. David Nixon	LB	6'3"	200	College Station, TX	BYU
11. Dallas Reynolds	OL	6'5"	310	Provo, UT	BYU
12. Kevin O'Connell	QB	6'6"	200	Carlsbad, CA	San Diego State
13. Antwan Applewhite	DL	6'3"	210	Torrance, CA	San Diego State
14. Tye Butler	QB	6'1"	190	Big Spring, TX	New Mexico
15. Charles Owens	OL	6'4"	275	Long Beach, CA	UNLV
16. Brett Swain	WR	6'1"	195	Carlsbad, CA	San Diego State
17. Reggie Ross	RB	5'11"	215	San Diego, CA	San Diego State
18. Jacob Doss	QB	6'2"	210	Lexington, KY	Wyoming
19. Jose Perez	WR	6'1"	170	Oceanside, CA	San Diego State
20. Marc Hull	LB	6'2"	185	Compton, CA	San Diego State

PAC-10 Rankings

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| 1. USC | 6. OREGON |
| 2. CALIFORNIA | 7. UCLA |
| 3. WASHINGTON | 8. ARIZONA |
| 4. STANFORD | 9. OREGON STATE |
| 5. ARIZONA STATE | 10. WASH. STATE |

1. Reggie Bush	RB	6'0"	190	Spring Valley, CA	USC
2. Whitney Lewis	WR	6'1"	220	Oxnard, CA	USC
3. Steve Smith	WR	6'1"	190	Canoga Park, CA	USC
4. Lawrence Jackson	DL	6'5"	250	Inglewood, CA	USC
5. Chris Barrett	DL	6'5"	250	Tustin, CA	USC
6. Chauncey Washington	RB	6'1"	205	Torrance, CA	USC
7. Ryan Watson	DL	6'3"	285	La Place, LA	USC
8. Dennis Dixon	QB	6'4"	181	San Leandro, CA	Oregon
9. Mark Bradford	WR	6'2"	190	Los Angeles, CA	Stanford
10. Drew Radovich	OL	6'5"	280	Mission Viejo, CA	USC
11. T.C. Ostrander	QB	6'3"	210	Atherton, CA	Stanford
12. Kyle Caldwell	DL	6'4"	260	Scottsdale, AZ	Arizona State
13. Sedrick Ellis	DL	6'2"	280	Chino, CA	USC
14. Sam Baker	OL	6'5"	315	Tustin, CA	USC
15. Maurice Drew	RB	5'8"	195	Concord, CA	UCLA
16. Ryan Gilliam	DB	5'9"	158	Tallahassee, FL	Oregon
17. Richard Kovalcheck	QB	6'3"	205	San Diego, CA	Arizona
18. Dennis Keyes	DB	6'2"	190	Van Nuys, CA	UCLA
19. Mike Affleck	QB	6'5"	228	Provo, UT	Arizona State
20. Junior Lamau'u	DL	6'3"	240	Long Beach, CA	UCLA

SEC Rankings

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| 1. LSU | 7. MISSISSIPPI STATE |
| 2. FLORIDA | 8. ARKANSAS |
| 3. GEORGIA | 9. OLE MISS |
| 4. TENNESSEE | 10. ALABAMA |
| 5. AUBURN | 11. VANDERBILT |
| 6. SOUTH CAROLINA | 12. KENTUCKY |

1. JaMarcus Russell	QB	6'5"	230	Mobile, AL	LSU
2. Andre Caldwell	WR	6'2"	188	Tampa, FL	Florida
3. Eric Young	OL	6'5"	270	Union, SC	Tennessee
4. Earl Everett	LB	6'2"	210	Webster, FL	Florida
5. Chris Leak	QB	6'0"	200	Charlotte, NC	Florida
6. Chad Jackson	WR	6'1"	200	Hoover, AL	Florida
7. Gregg Lumpkin	RB	6'1"	205	Lithonia, GA	Georgia
8. Demetric Webb	DB	5'11"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
9. Robert Lane	QB	6'3"	220	Monroe, LA	Ole Miss
10. Robert Meachem	WR	6'3"	200	Tulsa, OK	Tennessee
11. Jarvis Moss	DE	6'7"	220	Denton, TX	Florida
12. Paul Oliver	DB	6'0"	185	Kennesaw, GA	Georgia
13. Sean Bailey	WR	6'1"	170	Alpharetta, GA	Georgia
14. Turk McBride	DL	6'4"	235	Camden, NJ	Tennessee
15. Marcus Thomas	DL	6'4"	285	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
16. Kirston Pittman	DL	6'4"	245	Reserve, LA	LSU
17. Joe Cohen	RB	6'2"	250	Melbourne, FL	Florida
18. Carnell Stewart	DL	6'5"	285	River Ridge, LA	LSU
19. Daryl Johnson	DB	6'2"	195	New Orleans, LA	LSU
20. Daniel Brooks	LB	6'3"	230	Jackson, TN	Tennessee

Sun Belt Rankings

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| 1. MIDDLE TENN. | 5. N.M. STATE |
| 2. NORTH TEXAS | 6. IDAHO |
| 3. UL-LAFAYETTE | 7. ARKANSAS STATE |
| 4. UL-MONROE | 8. UTAH STATE |

1. Jordan Jackson	DB	6'6"	200	Bunkie, LA	UL-Lafayette
2. Khayyam Burns	DB	6'0"	175	Fort Smith, AR	Arkansas State
3. Devin Williams	QB	6'4"	210	Arlington, TX	UL-Lafayette
4. Kenyon Buford	OL	6'6"	345	Murfreesboro, TN	Middle Tenn
5. Colin Whitney	TE	6'4"	225	Coeur D'Alene, ID	Idaho
6. Sean Mosley	LB	6'3"	245	Sylvania, GA	Middle Tenn
7. Taron Henry	WR	6'2"	187	Murfreesboro, TN	Middle Tenn
8. Akeem Anthony	RB	5'6"	160	Tacoma, WA	Idaho
9. Patrick Higgins	WR	6'0"	180	LaGrange, GA	Arkansas State
10. Alex Gottlieb	OL	6'4"	275	Valencia, CA	New Mexico State
11. Jarvis Edmonds	DL	6'5"	310	Bastrop, LA	UL-Monroe
12. Tyrone Hicks	DB	5'10"	175	Huntsville, AL	Middle Tenn
13. Allan Harrison	DB	6'2"	188	Big Lake, TX	North Texas
14. Dwight Summerville	DL	6'2"	280	Grenada, MS	UL-Monroe
15. Terry Jackson	RB	5'10"	185	Memphis, TN	Middle Tenn
16. Blake Burruss	TE	6'6"	235	Okla. City, OK	North Texas
17. Antoine Owens	LB	6'2"	215	Nashville, TN	Middle Tenn
18. T.J. Raymond	DL	6'2"	295	Grand Prairie, TX	North Texas
19. Jarod Naylor	DL	6'2"	270	Tulsa, OK	New Mexico State
20. Jonathan Ward	LB	6'1"	222	Collinwood, TN	Middle Tenn

WAC Rankings

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. FRESNO STATE | 6. LOUISIANA TECH |
| 2. HAWAII | 7. NEVADA |
| 3. BOISE STATE | 8. TULSA |
| 4. SAN JOSE STATE | 9. RICE |
| 5. SMU | 10. UTEP |

1. Clifton Smith	DB	5'8"	165	Fresno, CA	Fresno State
2. Kentrell Gransberry	WR	6'8"	240	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
3. Gary Anderson Jr.	ATH	6'1"	190	Little Rock, AR	Rice
4. Damon Jenkins	DB	5'11"	180	Concord, CA	Fresno State
5. Brannon Jackson	LB	6'2"	220	Lake Charles, LA	Louisiana Tech
6. Thaddeus Williams	DL	6'3"	210	Independence, LA	Louisiana Tech
7. Joshua Muse	DE	6'4"	285	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
8. Derek Schouman	TE	6'2"	225	Eagle, ID	Boise State
9. Kermit Givens	RB	6'0"	195	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Tech
10. Jeff Cavender	OL	6'2"	270	Elko, NV	Boise State
11. Jason Rivers	WR	6'2"	193	Waipahu, HI	Hawaii
12. Zach Hall	DL	6'3"	225	Irving, TX	SMU
13. Richuel Massey	RB	5'11"	210	Hillsboro, TX	SMU
14. Justin Boren	OL	6'4"	285	Grapevine, TX	SMU
15. Avery Cleveland	LB	6'3"	205	Austin, TX	SMU
16. Cory Muse	TE	6'3"	205	Oklahoma City, OK	SMU
17. Joey Sturdivant	DB	6'2"	190	Lilburn, GA	SMU
18. Timo Paepule	LB	6'0"	210	Hauula, HI	Hawaii
19. Dallas Bernstine	RB	5'10"	185	Vallejo, CA	Boise State
20. Roy Lewis	DB	5'11"	170	Los Angeles, CA	San Jose State

Top High School Seniors

Quarterbacks

Brian Brohm	6'4"	200	Louisville, KY
John David Booty	6'3"	180	Shreveport, LA
Nate Longshore	6'4"	215	Canyon, CA
Mike Teel	6'3"	205	Ramsey, NJ
Xavier Lee	6'4"	210	Daytona Beach, FL
Mike Vlahogorge	6'4"	220	Lafayette, IN
Chad Henne	6'3"	210	Wilson PA
Rob Florian	6'3"	210	Cincinnati, OH
Rocky Hinds	6'4"	207	Playa Del Ray, CA
Rhett Bomar	6'4"	205	Grand Prairie, TX
Anthony Morelli	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA
Matt Tuiasosopo	6'2"	205	Woodinville, WA
Adam Thrash	6'5"	220	Little Rock, AR
Darren Mougey	6'4"	210	Scottsdale, AZ
Sean Norton	6'0"	170	Newhart, CA
Graham Harrell	6'0"	175	Ennis, TX
Early Doucet	6'2"	190	Martinsville, LA
Ryan Walters	6'0"	195	Aurora, CO
Cornelius Ingram	6'5"	215	Hawthorne, FL
Stephen McGee	6'4"	200	Burnet, TX
Shane Kelly	6'4"	200	East Greenwich, RI
Alex Mortensen	6'2"	185	Fairburn, GA
Anthony Turner	6'3"	205	Dayton, OH
Brian Hoyer	6'3"	200	Cleveland, OH
Lee Bujakowski	6'3"	218	Hopewell, VA



Brian Brohm, QB, Louisville, Ky.

Running Backs

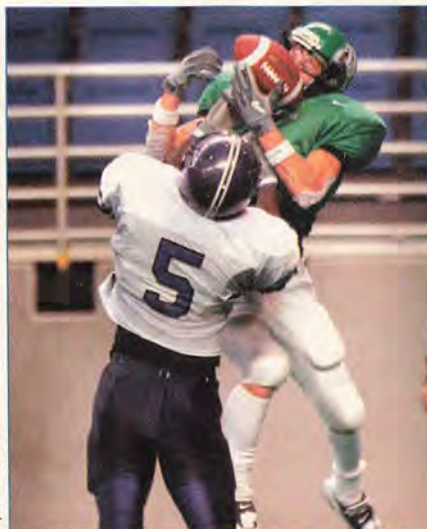
Delbert Ferguson	6'3"	215	Warren, OH
Terrell Jackson	5'9"	190	Corona, CA
Corey Smalls	5'11"	205	Summerville, SC
Jamal Floyd	5'11"	190	Claremont, CA
Patrick Gates	5'10"	75	San Diego, CA
Jakouri Williams	6'0"	200	Plaquimine, LA
Adrian Peterson	6'3"	205	Palestine, TX
Max Martin	6'1"	210	Madison, AL
Tony Temple	5'10"	195	Kansas City, MO
Fred Davis	6'4"	215	Toledo, OH
Darius Walker	5'11"	195	Buford, GA
Bobby Washington	6'1"	200	Miami, FL
Jackie Bates	5'10"	185	Concord, CA
Jay Lucas	6'2"	200	Baton Rouge, LA
Michael Gresham	5'8"	190	Clinton, OK
Mark Bonds	6'0"	208	Indianapolis, IN
Andrew Johnson	6'0"	205	Pittsburgh, PA
Henry Kirlew	5'11"	190	Orlando, FL
Greg Coleman	6'0"	205	Iowa City, IA
Jamario Thomas	5'9"	200	Longview, TX
Chauncey Campbell	5'8"	185	Converse, TX
Jacob Hester	6'1"	247	Shreveport, LA
Raymond Williams	6'0"	180	Cleveland, OH
Brock Bolen	5'11"	230	Germantown, OH
Andre Brown	6'1"	215	Greenville, NC

Wide Receivers

John Peel	6'1"	180	Scottsdale, AZ
Derrick Jones	6'1"	173	Long Beach, CA
Jordan Shipley	6'0"	170	Burnet, TX
Brandon Barrett	6'1"	180	Martinsburg, WV
Ryan Graves	5'9"	160	Pasadena, CA
Scott Raymond	6'5"	230	Kansas City, MO
Xavier Carter	6'3"	195	Melbourne, FL
Lavelle Hawkins	6'0"	165	Stockton, CA
Keith Best	6'4"	180	Eugene, OR
Chris Smith	6'4"	240	Allen, TX
Keauntea Bankhead	6'0"	200	Seattle, WA
Tony Burks	6'4"	195	Gulfport, MS
Corey Thompson	6'0"	180	Atlanta, GA
Trumain Smith	6'3"	210	Warrensburg, OH
Tremel Kline	6'3"	185	Battery Creek, SC
Jarvis Woodson	5'9"	180	Ennis, TX
John Williams	6'4"	230	Shreveport, LA
Adrian Arrington	6'3"	180	Cedar Rapids, IA
Kyle Jackson	6'3"	180	Neptune Beach, FL
Cameron Colvin	6'0"	185	Concord, CA
Zach Miller	6'5"	240	Phoenix, AZ
Fred Rogers	6'4"	200	Toledo, OH
Fred Strong	6'2"	190	Austin, TX
Calvin Johnson	6'4"	200	Tyrone, GA
Nikita Stover	6'2"	190	Hartselle, AL

Offensive Linemen

Tom Gagliardi	6'6"	315	Phoenix, AZ
Ray Feinga	6'5"	285	Salt Lake City, UT
Dan Gury	6'6"	285	Monarch, CO
Ryan Miller	6'6"	310	Lake Charles, LA
Adam Ulatoski	6'6"	270	South Lake, TX
Brandon Nicolas	6'5"	260	Santa Ana, CA
John Kadous	6'6"	310	Tucson, AZ
Jacob Hucko	6'8"	278	Cerritos, CA
Ryan Cantrell	6'4"	263	Sugar Land, TX
Kellen Heard	6'6"	325	Wharton, TX
Leon Hart	6'5"	292	Columbia, SC
Steve Rehiring	6'8"	320	West Chester, OH
Adam Alvidrez	6'3"	300	Lakewood, CA
Chase Clowser	6'8"	325	LaGrange, OH
Chilo Rachal	6'6"	310	Compton, CA
Glen Davis	6'8"	315	Baton Rouge, LA
Calvin Darity	6'4"	280	Tallahassee, FL
Jon Krohe	6'5"	280	Irwin, PA
Cedric Dockery	6'3"	300	Garland, TX
A.Q. Shipley	6'3"	278	Corapolis, PA
Nygel Pearson	6'6"	305	Darlington, SC
Corey Lambert	6'7"	300	Greenville, SC
Brian Abraham	6'6"	300	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Brandon Braxton	6'7"	295	Youngstown, OH
Walter Thomas	6'5"	320	Galveston, TX



Jordan Shipley, WR, Burnet, Texas

Defensive Linemen

Calais Campbell	6'8"	230	Denver, CO
Randy Faletoi	6'2"	285	Honolulu, HI
Brett Helms	6'3"	300	Stuttgart, AR
Chris Long	6'4"	245	Charlottesville, VA
Matt Putman	6'7"	230	Brigham, UT
Brigham Harwell	6'3"	250	Los Altos, CA
Frank Okam	6'5"	320	Lake Highlands, TX
Shannon Tevaga	6'3"	285	La Mirada, CA
Aaron Fernandez	6'2"	260	Mesa, AZ
Dion Gales	6'4"	285	New Orleans, LA
Mack Frost	6'5"	235	Columbia, SC
Corey Davis	6'4"	260	Pittsburgh, PA
Xavier Mitchell	6'4"	242	Long Beach, MS
Demario Pressley	6'4"	290	Greensboro, NC
Charlie Johnson	6'3"	250	Hawkinsville, GA
Alvin Newhouse	6'3"	225	South Oak Cliff, TX
Glen Dorsey	6'3"	285	Gonzales, LA
Freddie Barnett	6'1"	283	Texarkana, AR
Demonte Bolden	6'5"	305	Chattanooga, TN
Eric McClendon	6'5"	288	Vidalia, GA
William Morrissey	6'2"	275	Silsbee, TX
Marque Hall	6'5"	305	Marshville, NC
Mike Massey	6'5"	235	Cleveland, OH
Antonio Dixon	6'4"	330	Miami, FL
Ryan Anderson	6'6"	265	Oak Creek, WI

Linebackers

Garrett Bliss	6'3"	230	Durango, CO
Sam Carson	6'1"	220	Downers Grove, IL
Dan Conner	6'2"	205	Wallingford, PA
Jed Collins	6'2"	247	Mission Viejo, CA
Matt Stoltz	6'3"	230	Little Rock, AR
Bryce Hardy	5'11"	225	Mountain View, AZ
Jai Thaxton	6'3"	215	Hart CO, GA
Keith Rivers	6'2"	220	Lake Mary, FL
Max Martin	6'2"	210	Madison, AL
Jonathan Crowe	6'1"	205	Oak Grove, LA
Brian Toal	6'2"	228	Ramsey, NJ
Jim Garren	6'1"	215	Lafayette, LA
Trenton Tuiasosopo	6'3"	225	Everett, WA
Rodney Gallon	6'1"	215	Tallahassee, FL
Michael Briggs	6'1"	215	Gastonia, NC
Marcus Freeman	6'2"	240	Huber Heights, OH
Tony Bell	6'1"	205	Alabaster, AL
Sekeli Faaeteete	6'1"	212	San Leandro, CA
Eugene Germany	6'3"	230	Pamona, CA
Tee Evans	6'4"	255	Travelers Rest, SC
James Bryant	6'3"	235	Reading, PA
Justin Britt	6'4"	250	Cullman, AL
Bruce Mompremier	6'0"	210	Miami, FL
Kyle Williams	6'2"	215	Bolingbrook, IL
Darrell Robertson	6'5"	215	Jonesboro, GA

Defensive Backs

Simeon Castille	6'1"	187	Birmingham, AL
Teddy Ginn	6'0"	170	Cleveland, OH
Antwain Carey	6'0"	200	Chesapeake, VA
Randy Estes	6'2"	200	Los Alamitos, CA
Terrell Jackson	5'9"	190	Puckett, MS
Jonte Manning	6'3"	205	Corsicana, TX
Lamar Lewis	5'8"	177	Jacksonville, FL
Willie Glasper	5'11"	175	Concord, CA
Dre Ratliff	5'10"	185	Whitehouse, OH
Keauntea Bankhead	6'0"	200	Seattle, WA
Craig Steltz	6'2"	195	New Orleans, LA
Rodney Van	6'0"	170	Long Beach, CA
Tremaine Vaughn	5'10"	170	Patterson, LA
Paul Crews	5'11"	172	Henderson, NC
Jerome Boyd	6'2"	200	Los Angeles, CA
Adam Gunn	6'3"	200	Vandergrift, PA
Bobby Buchanan	5'11"	180	Joliet, IL
Thomas Brown	5'11"	186	Tucker, GA
Brett Bowers	6'1"	190	Jacksonville, FL
William Lewis	6'1"	185	Baytown, TX
Nathan Jones	6'1"	180	Texarkana, TX
Mike Hamlin	6'2"	185	Lamar, SC
Courtney Grixby	5'10"	165	Omaha, NE
Jeff Brown	6'1"	185	Harbor City, CA
Morgan Trent	5'11"	175	Orchard Lake, MI

Athlon Sports' Ultimate Road Trip 2003

This is the fourth year for *Athlon Sports'* Ultimate Road Trip. Maybe the trip is still a dream. But someday ... Anyway, here's our schedule for 2003. Our goal is to see all 117 teams over five years; going into this season we're about halfway there. We just can't get enough!

Aug. 23 California vs. Kansas State at Kansas City

We start the season off with K-State's pursuit of a national title. It's doubtful the Royals will still be in the race.

Aug. 28 Kent State at Akron

This just helps us knock out all 117 teams by next season.

Aug. 30 USC at Auburn

The Trojans invade SEC country, and we'll be there. A BCS bowl may be at stake in August.

Aug. 31 Louisville at Kentucky

The men in blue stunned the men in red last season. Now the Cards want revenge in this underrated rivalry.

Sept. 1 TCU at Tulane

Our first visit to New Orleans not as important as our last.

Sept. 4 Western Illinois at Eastern Michigan

A must win for EMU to avoid No. 117 ranking.

Sept. 6 Oklahoma at Alabama

What a way to debut in Tuscaloosa! Welcome back, Mike Shula.

Sept. 11 California at Utah

Preseason rankings: No. 68 & 69. Doesn't get any closer than that.

Sept. 12 Toledo at Marshall

This could be a preview of the MAC title game, but Marshall likely won't make it that far.

Sept. 13 NC State at Ohio State

We'll find out if the Wolfpack are for real. Philip Rivers against the mighty Buckeyes should be exciting.

Sept. 18 Texas A&M at Virginia Tech

The Aggies are probably still mad about losing this one last season.

Sept. 25 Nebraska at Southern Miss

The Tennessee-Florida game has been on our schedule the last three seasons. We can't resist checking out Nebraska playing a tough road game out of conference. Plus, they're ranked 36 and 37.

Sept. 27 South Florida at Army

The Bulls play their first-ever C-USA game on the banks of the Hudson.

Sept. 30 Houston at East Carolina

We're setting some sort of C-USA record for most games seen in person.

Oct. 2 West Virginia at Miami

This won't be easy for the Mountaineers, but South Beach should be fun.

Oct. 3 Oregon at Utah

From Miami to Salt Lake. What are we thinking?

Oct. 4 Kansas State at Texas

The loser is all but eliminated from the national title hunt.

Oct. 9 Colorado State at BYU

A good old-fashioned MWC rivalry game.

Oct. 10 TCU at South Florida

From Provo to Tampa. What are we thinking?

Oct. 11 Miami at Florida State

We've been alternating the Red River shootout with this game every year. We'll enjoy a few days in the sun.

Oct. 16 Air Force at Colorado State

We love to watch games at this picturesque park.

Oct. 18 Baylor at Kansas

The loser of this game will be ranked in triple digits. Ouch.

Oct. 22 Virginia Tech at West Virginia

A Big East Wednesday night in the mountains.

Oct. 23 Maryland at Georgia Tech

An ACC Thursday night in the city.

Oct. 25 Auburn at LSU

Decisions, decisions, decisions. The Pac-10 title could be decided in Seattle as Washington plays USC. But we prefer watching the SEC West decided in Baton Rouge.

Oct. 31 Boise State at BYU

Our first look at Boise State in four years of these fictitious trips. Our 87th look at the Cougars.

Nov. 1 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville

This is the biggest day for football to date. And believe it or not, this is our first scheduled trip to the Cocktail Party for the SEC East Championship Game.

Nov. 7 Colorado State at New Mexico

Friday night football in Albuquerque.

Nov. 8 Army at Air Force

The luster has worn off the Bowden Bowl and Tennessee may not give Miami much of a game this season either, so we'll take military-style football on Veterans Day weekend.

Nov. 12 Marshall at Miami (Ohio)

A little Wednesday night MAC action in Oxford.

Nov. 13 Virginia at Maryland

The winner could sneak away with an ACC title. But the Noles and Pack are the favorites.

Nov. 15 Auburn at Georgia

Since we've opted out of the rematch in the SEC Championship Game to see the Big 12 title game, we shouldn't miss the first meeting between the hedges.

Nov. 19 Marshall at UCF

The Golden Knights will clinch the MAC East tonight.

Nov. 20 TCU at Southern Miss

The Golden Eagles will clinch the C-USA title tonight.

Nov. 22 Ohio State at Michigan

The Buckeyes in the Big House. Wow!

Nov. 28 Arizona at Arizona State

In the last three years we haven't caught either team at home. Now is our chance to visit the desert.

Nov. 29 Miami at Pittsburgh

The road to the Big East title goes through Pittsburgh. Will the Canes be up for the challenge?

Dec. 4 MAC Championship (UCF at Toledo)

We'll be at the home of the West champion. We think we'll be watching UCF play at Toledo.

Dec. 6 Big 12 Championship Game

It may be cold in Kansas City, but our journey began here in August and ends with a Sugar Bowl berth at stake.

Bowls: We're audacious enough to believe we already know who's playing where. We can dream, can't we?

Dec. 16 New Orleans

North Texas vs. Cincinnati not quite Oklahoma-Miami.

Dec. 18 GMAC

UCF vs. TCU in the acronym bowl.

Dec. 22 Tangerine

Enjoying the Cavaliers and Cornhuskers in Orlando.

Dec. 23 Fort Worth

A quick stopover in Texas on our way to Vegas.

Dec. 24 Las Vegas

New Mexico and Arizona State?

Dec. 25 Hawaii

Mele Kalikimaka! We missed the trip to Hawaii last year.

Dec. 26 Insight

Virginia Tech vs. UCLA is an intriguing matchup.

Dec. 27 Continental Tire

Perhaps the Irish could pay a visit to Charlotte.

Dec. 29 Alamo

Purdue and Colorado: Ranked 19 and 28 in the preseason.

Dec. 30 Holiday

It just so happens that Athlon's first- and second-team All-America QBs, Cody Pickett and Brad Smith, will be on display in San Diego.

Dec. 31 Music City

We're staying home for this one. We need at least one night in our own beds.

Jan. 1 Rose

Now we're getting serious. We're keeping our fingers crossed for an old-fashioned USC vs. Ohio State Rose Bowl.

Jan. 2 Cotton

UT vs. UT. So much orange it's scary.

Jan. 4 Sugar

If Oklahoma defeats Miami, this will be a perfect season.



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